

# GRAND JURY





# OVERVIEW

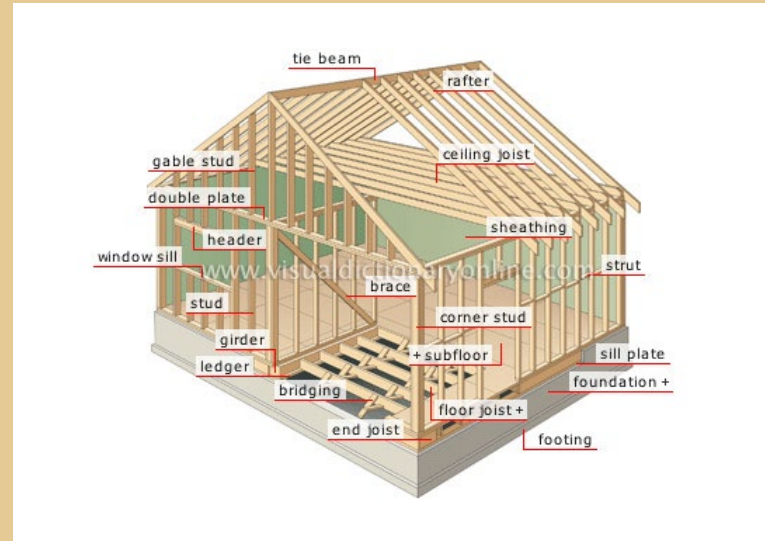
- 1) What is Grand Jury?
- 2) Statutory framework
- 3) Grand Jury Selection
- 4) What serving looks like
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# WHAT IS GRAND JURY?

## **Oregon Constitution Article VII Section 5**

- **Only Grand Jury can charge a felony (unless waived or preliminary hearing)**
- **Empowered to issue subpoenas and hear evidence relating to potential crimes**
- **Consists of seven qualified citizens**

# STATUTORY FRAMEWORK



ORS 132.310 - The grand jury shall retire into a private room and may inquire into crimes committed or triable in the county and present them to the court, either by presentment or indictment, as provided in [ORS 132.310 \(Inquiry into crimes\)](#) to [132.390 \(When the grand jury may indict\)](#).

# GRAND JURY SELECTION



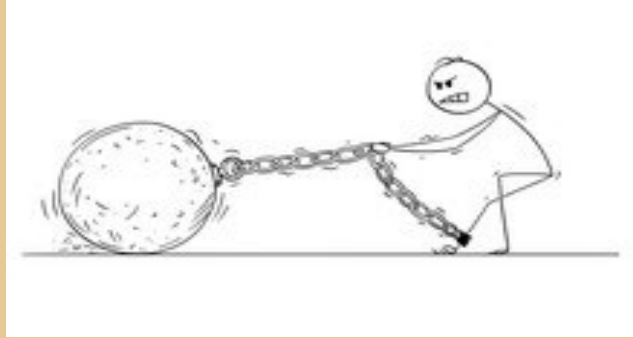
**ORS 132.020(1)** - Under the direction of the court, the clerk shall draw names at random from the names of jurors in attendance upon the court until the names of seven jurors are drawn and accepted by the court. The seven persons thus chosen shall constitute the grand jury.

# GRAND JURY SELECTION



**ORS 132.030** - Neither the grand jury panel nor any individual juror may be challenged. A judge of the court or clerk of court, as defined in [ORS 10.010 \(Definitions\)](#), may at any time after a juror is drawn and before the juror is sworn excuse the juror from jury service for any reason prescribed in [ORS 10.050](#)

# SERVING ON GRAND JURY



- How long? Typically, one calendar month (can be continued by court order ORS 132.120)
- How often do they meet? Depends upon the number of panels and workload in the County
- What does a grand jury calendar look like?

↓ Today		2020 February					In office
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
Jan 26	27	28	29	30	31	Feb 1	
02	03 Panel A	04 Panel A	05 Panel B	06 Panel B	07 Panel A	08	
09	10 Panel A	11 Panel A	12 Panel B	13 Panel B	14 Panel B	15	
16	17 Panel A	18 Panel A	19 Panel B	20 Panel B	21 Panel A	22	
23	24 Panel A	25 Panel A	26 Panel B	27 Panel B	28 Panel B	29	

## Cases on Docket

GJ -GRAND JURY PANEL B

WEDNESDAY APRIL 1, 2026

HEARINGS BEGIN AT 845 AND END AT 500

	Date	Time	File #	Defendant	Court#	Status	Hearing	Lead Charge	Defense Atty	Prosecutor	SubP
0	04-01-26	08:45 AM	<a href="#">005-378651</a>	<a href="#">Hill, Lee Oduis Jr</a>	26CR16668	OPEN	GJPB	Theft in the First Degree		Hoffa, Grace L	Y
0	04-01-26	08:45 AM	<a href="#">005-378654</a>	<a href="#">Bennett, Kayli Rae</a>		OPEN	GJPB	Theft in the First Degree		Hoffa, Grace L	
0	04-01-26	09:10 AM	<a href="#">005-374744</a>	<a href="#">Lowery, Austin Thomas</a>		OPEN	GJPB	Criminal Mischief in the First Degree		Jones, Chelsea A	Y
0	04-01-26	10:20 AM	<a href="#">005-378276</a>	<a href="#">Pacheco Mendez, Juan Antonio</a>	26CR13869	OPEN	GJPB	Theft in the First Degree	Miranda, Leigh S	Escover, Tiffany	Y
0	04-01-26	11:25 AM	<a href="#">005-378037</a>	<a href="#">Smith, Christian Michael</a>	26CR12312	OPEN	GJPB	Encouraging Child Sexual Abuse in the First Degree	Tyner, Michael J	Amos, Russell S.	Y
0	04-01-26	01:00 PM	<a href="#">005-370989</a>	<a href="#">Ceras, Arturo Garcia</a>		OPEN	GJPB	Rape in the First Degree		Nitschke, Jeffrey	
0	04-01-26	03:00 PM	<a href="#">005-376611</a>	<a href="#">GJ Records 2026, Subpoena,</a>	<b>DO NOT RECORD</b>	REVIEW	GJPB				
0	04-01-26	03:00 PM	<a href="#">005-377596</a>	<a href="#">GJ Records 2026, Subpoena,</a>	<b>DO NOT RECORD</b>	REVIEW	GJPB				
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0	04-01-26	03:00 PM	<a href="#">005-378368</a>	<a href="#">GJ Records 2026, Subpoena,</a>	<b>DO NOT RECORD</b>	REVIEW	GJPB				
0	04-01-26	03:00 PM	<a href="#">005-378408</a>	<a href="#">GJ Records 2026, Subpoena,</a>	<b>DO NOT RECORD</b>	REVIEW	GJPB				
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0	04-01-26	03:00 PM	<a href="#">005-378489</a>	<a href="#">GJ Records 2026, Subpoena,</a>	<b>DO NOT RECORD</b>	REVIEW	GJPB				
0	04-01-26	03:50 PM	<a href="#">005-373841</a>	<a href="#">Wedman, Tiffany Kristine</a>		OPEN	GJPB	Robbery in the Third Degree		Powell, Brian R	
0	04-01-26	04:30 PM	<a href="#">005-376446</a>	<a href="#">Gardner, Mark Steven</a>		OPEN	GJPB	Robbery in the Third Degree		Nitschke, Jeffrey	Y

# ANATOMY OF A HEARING

- 1) The State (prosecutor) decides what witnesses to call and what evidence to present (ORS 132.340)
- 2) Defendant only has the right to testify if they have been “held to answer” (ORS 132.320(12))
- 3) There is no cross examination of witnesses by defense attorney
- 4) Evidentiary portion is recorded (ORS 132.250)
- 5) Prosecutor is the “gate keeper” of what evidence is admissible (ORS 132.320 – same as a trial with exceptions)
- 6) Confidential until made public (ORS 132.420)



# VOTING



- The grand jury may find an indictment when all the evidence before it, taken together, is such as in its judgment would, if unexplained or uncontradicted, warrant a conviction by the trial jury (ORS 132.390)
- A grand jury may indict with the concurrence of five of its members, if at least five jurors voting for indictment heard all the testimony relating to the person indicted or facts presented (ORS 132.360)
- NO TRUE BILL issued when insufficient evidence
- Issues an INDICTMENT with criminal charges when sufficient evidence
- Court issues WARRANT for arrest of those charged in INDICTMENT

# QUESTIONS?



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