

According to newspaper accounts, 26 year old Robert Boysen was released from a Washington state prison on Friday, March 8. He was picked up by his grandparents, who organized a welcome home party for him at their house.

The next day his grandparents were found dead by strangulation and Robert had fled in their car.

Sources at the prison then reported that Robert had threatened to kill family members and cops when released. He had mentioned committing "suicide by cop."

Detectives investigating the case discovered that Robert had been searching the internet for gun shows or "looking for guns."

The search for Robert ended on Tuesday in Lincoln City. One could ask why did he come to Oregon if he was looking for guns? The probable answer? He knew he had to get out of Washington's state-wide search for him, and he could buy guns in Oregon.

But, having been convicted of felonies six times, and the prime suspect in the deaths of his grandparents, how could he pass a background check? Robert didn't need to. Under current Oregon law, he could buy semi-automatic firearms and large capacity magazines from a private seller without a background check.

Current law is not up to the task of safeguarding the lives of Oregonians, and must be changed. I strongly support SB700 and universal background checks.

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