

Worker's killer returning to state hospital

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A man charged with killing a mental health worker in May pleaded guilty except for insanity Tuesday and is expected to be sent to the Oregon State Hospital.

Brent Redd, 31, stabbed Jennifer Warren to death when she delivered medicine to his apartment in St. Helens on May 20, 2012.

Redd pleaded guilty except for insanity in 2007 after he was accused of trying to kill his mother in 2005.

He was sent to the Oregon State Hospital for three years, until the Psychiatric Security Review Board deemed him eligible for release and sent him to Columbia Community Mental Health in 2010, a community mental health program in St. Helens. He was transferred from restrictive 24-hour supervision to his own duplex in 2011.

Redd appeared in court Tuesday with a shaved head and long beard. He cried throughout the 20-minute hearing. Warren's mother, Theresa Armstrong, wept and



Theresa Armstrong pauses as she speaks about her daughter, Jennifer Warren, during the sentencing hearing for Brent Redd in St. Helens.

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then addressed Redd.

"There is a hole in my heart," she said, and added,

"May God have mercy on your soul."
Redd's attorney, Patrick



Read more about Brent Redd (right) at [OREGONIAN.com/brent-redd](#)



Sweeney, responded, "Mr. Redd conveys his sympathy and remorse."

Redd suffers from psychosis as a result of schizophrenia. He has been evaluated four times by state psychiatrists, most recently in January. They found that Redd either couldn't understand that his behavior was criminal or was unable to control his actions.

Under the terms of the sentence imposed Tuesday by Judge Steven Reed, the state Psychiatric Security Review Board can keep Redd in the hospital for the rest of his life.

Under the terms of Redd's original 2007 conviction for attempted murder of his mother, he was sentenced to up to 20 years under the supervision of the Psychiatric Security Review Board.