

Multnomah Sheriff's Office being sued

PORTLAND (AP) — A black corrections officer has filed his second lawsuit in eight years accusing the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office of racial discrimination.

Sgt. Lewis Cain, a 16-year veteran who has been a sergeant since 1982, filed the lawsuit last week.

In April 1989, the county paid him \$70,000 to settle a 1986 lawsuit claiming he had been consistently assigned undesirable work shifts and passed over for promotions since 1983.

The settlement included an agreement that Cain would be assigned weekends off at least as often as other sergeants in the relief shift pool. Relief shifts can be day, night or graveyard shifts.

In his latest lawsuit, Cain claims he repeatedly has been denied Saturdays and Sundays off, despite seniority. Cain, 48, is sixth on the department's seniority list.

The lawsuit also alleges that Cain was assigned to a disproportionate number of hazardous situations and was denied special assignments, including preferential shift assignments, in favor of less experienced officers.

White employees were given more favorable shift assignments, the lawsuit claims.

The lawsuit alleges that Cain was subjected to discrimination and retaliation for filing the original lawsuit in 1986, and that terms of the settlement of that lawsuit were not met.

Despite the settlement, Cain's lawsuit claims, he again was denied his bid to have weekends off to spend with his family.

Sheriff Bob Skipper called the claims "ludicrous" in a letter to the Multnomah County Corrections Officers Association.

"In essence, Sergeant Cain appears to be requesting the creation of another sergeant position with Saturday and Sunday off to accommodate his preferences," the sheriff wrote.

"Many officers would prefer to have weekends off to spend with their families. The requirements of secured 24-hour-a-day facilities do not allow us to create schedules based on this criteria."

Skipper said Thursday that the lawsuit was no more than old allegations presented in a new forum: the federal courts.

"The office denies the charges," said Skipper.

Lottery considers new games

SALEM (AP) — What's the difference between a jack of hearts, a cherry and a lemon?

Not much, in the eyes of state Lottery Director Dan Simmons, at least not when they're on a Lottery computer game screen.

Simmons and the Lottery Commission are considering expanding the Lottery's highly popular video game, which now is limited to poker.

One option is adding "line games" that pay off for getting three or more like symbols in a row, the format of traditional slot machines.

Other possibilities, Simmons said, are making the scratch-off ticket game electronic and putting a blackjack game on the terminals.

Video poker has become the Lottery's financial mainstay. Simmons said there is a demand for different games on the terminals.

In the 1989-91 state budget period, before video poker began, the Lottery made \$93 million in net revenue. Net is after prizes and operating costs are deducted.

Net revenue in the 1993-95 budget period is expected to be about \$390 million, and video poker accounts for two-thirds of it.

Simmons says expanding video games would be justified because there is a public demand, and by law the Lottery is supposed to be managed to maximize revenue.

"I think the voters, in approving the Lottery, wanted us to capture the market," Simmons said.

The idea of having more games appealed to some of the video poker players Saturday night at Portland's Dublin Pub.

"More variation is nice," said Tim Gordon of Portland.

Jim Garrison said he would definitely try video blackjack, but that video slots didn't interest him as much. And Blair Elledge said he would try any game with a payout.

Lottery officials assume that adding games would increase revenue mainly by attracting new players, not by getting more money from existing players.

"People ask why they have to play poker to play our machines," he said. "People ask about multiple-game machines. There is a market for line games

with people who have never played poker," he said.

Putting new games on the terminals is as easy as changing a chip in the computer. A terminal could offer a selection of games.

Video lottery expansion has not gone beyond the informal talking stage among officials so far, Simmons said.

"Discussions with the commission probably will start in earnest this fall," he said.

Lottery foes say such talk confirms their suspicions.

"All of our worst predictions are coming true," said the Rev. Rodney Page, director of Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon.

"We predicted when the Lottery started there would be a push for more exciting and new games when interest in other games diminished."

Page is smarting over the loss of his organization's legal effort to overturn video poker on grounds it violates a constitutional ban on creating casinos.

The Oregon Supreme Court unanimously disagreed last month. Part of the reason was that state law limits bars and taverns to no more than five video terminals.

"The court decision I think was a political decision," Page said. "We have blatant casino operations by any stretch of the imagination."

Simmons says he is well aware that talk of new lottery games stirs political waters. Another sensitive issue the Lottery eventually will have to deal with, he said, is whether terminals should be allowed in places other than bars and taverns.

"Society so far wants to restrict so-called hardcore gambling to age-restricted places," he said.

However the Lottery moves, Simmons contends, largely is based on supply and demand.

"The mantra I hear chanted is that the state is hooked on the lottery," he said. "We don't create the market. The market's out there, and we just get our share of it."

Page doesn't buy it, saying the Lottery spends millions of dollars on advertising.

Simmons says gambling goes on, Lottery or not. "It is here," he said. "Whether that is good or bad is another issue."

Final commencement evokes mixed feelings

TACOMA (AP) — The former president of the University of Puget Sound said he had mixed feelings at Sunday's final commencement for the UPS School of Law.

But Philip M. Phibbs said it's time for UPS and the downtown Tacoma community to overcome sour feelings about the sale of the law school to Seattle University.

"I think it's a time for healing," Phibbs said. "I'm tired of the angry words. The city and the university need each other."

"It's a moment of some historic significance," said Phibbs, long-time UPS president who retired in 1992. "I'm very proud of the law school."

Phibbs handed out diplomas at the first 18 law school commencements. Acting dean Don Carmichael did those duties Sunday. The Rev. William Sullivan, Seattle University's president, gave the invocation and benediction.

The sale of the 21-year-old school takes effect Aug. 19, with the physical move to Seattle to be completed by 1999. The school will be renamed Seattle University School of Law. Current faculty and staff will keep their jobs.

Mary Young was the last of about 225 UPS graduate to walk forward before a commencement crowd of 2,000 at Memorial Fieldhouse on the North Tacoma campus.

The 41-year-old single mother commuted from Bainbridge Island and reared her 10-year-old son. It didn't even dawn on her that she was unofficially the last graduate of the state's largest law school.

The crowd sang happy birthday to commencement speaker Madeleine Albright. The U.S. ambassador to the United Nations turned 57 on Sunday.

In her speech, Albright stressed the United States' resolve to safeguard universal human rights and its support for the War Crimes Tribunal for the former Yugoslavian republics.

Albright didn't mention the law school sale. The deal, brokered in secret, angered and shocked many community members when it was announced last fall. The purchase price wasn't revealed.

Some accused UPS of reneging on a moral commitment to stay downtown. The city of Tacoma helped the school build its law center with low-interest loans.

School leaders said they needed to sell the law school to continue building the 3,000-student North Tacoma campus into a nationally known liberal arts school.

At the last commencement, some spectators were bittersweet.

State Supreme Court Justice Charles Johnson, who graduated from the UPS law school in 1976, was among the spectators.

"It's a sad passing," Johnson said. "It's a community asset. It's going."

Richard Settle, speaking for five founding UPS law professors honored Sunday, recalled how the law school has grown in quality since its fast start in 1972 at a South Tacoma business park.

James Beaver, another founding UPS faculty member, summed up the law school's future this way:

"We're just changing the name. It's the same law school," he said. "I see no reason why I should be shedding any tears."



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