

When attacked, jogger 'did everything right'

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An attempted attack on a female jogger Thursday morning at the Amazon Park running trail has left police searching for a suspect — and the victim a safety role model.

The 24-year-old victim told police that she was jogging south on the Amazon Park trail at 7:45 a.m. when a man grabbed her from behind and pulled a knife on her.

After the assailant tried to pull the woman into the shrubbery, the woman resisted by screaming and kicking him. The assailant then released the woman and ran east into the woods, said Tim Birr, spokesman for the Eugene Department of Public Safety.

"The victim did everything right," said the department's public information officer, Jan Power. "Those are the things you want to do if you are attacked."

The assailant is described by police as a 6-foot-tall white male with a thin build and brown hair cut short over the ears. At the time of the attack, he was wearing a dark hooded sweatshirt over a light-colored T-shirt, black jeans, black tennis shoes and baseball hat with a red bill.

NIGHT EXERCISE SAFETY TIPS

- Don't wear headphones on both ears — listen to your surroundings.
- Try to exercise with someone. If that's not possible, let someone know where you'll be going and when you expect to return.
- Look behind you and to both sides every so often to scan the area.
- Carry a flashlight, whistle, pepper spray or shriek alarm. Make sure you are upwind if you need to use the pepper spray.
- Look passing people in the eye so they know you're aware of their presence.
- Take a self-defense course.
- Be aware of safe havens and places to avoid on your route.
- Learn how to yell 'No' in a loud and deep manner.

SOURCE: Agent Carolyn McDermod, Whiteaker Public Safety Station.

PANEL

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"President Clinton is fully committed to having a healthy economy and a healthy environment."

"As government is changing rapidly, the EPA will play a role in the shifts," he said. "Environmental quality is important — we need to be able to anticipate future problems, and we need to be able to focus on nontraditional environmental problems."

Ed Whitelaw, economics professor, said it will be hard to stop the growing, changing economy.

"We're moving out of an extractive past into something else — an information base, a high-tech base," he said. "This process has been going on for several decades. The Sonys and Hyundais are anecdotes of that larger process."

"This kind of growth is extremely powerful and slowing it down is very difficult — we'd have more difficulty not growing," he said.

Mike Gleason, city manager, agreed with Whitelaw. "The growth [in Eugene] is irreversible, and [Hyundai] is a real-life teachable moment for our community."

Hansen asked two questions of the panel. First, should the United States export its environmental technology?

George Grier, member of the McKenzie Watershed Council, believes the United States should become a partner in the international global export of environmental information, but Tauni Samuel, director of Springfield Forest Products, said that the countries who need environmental technology don't have the money to buy it.

Secondly, Hansen asked for specific messages he could take back to the president concerning the role of government in training the work force.

Grier believes educating children is a key.

"If you are trying to build a work force for the future, you need to start young, so they can be adaptable to their environment," he said.

Finally, Steve Gordon, wetlands specialist, gave several pieces of advice to Hansen to deliver to the president.

"Don't be afraid to get ahead of the problem and don't be afraid to invest in the process," he said. "We have to find compromises we can live with."

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as well as the distribution of materials with sexual content to children, according to the Electronic Frontier Foundation, a group that works with computer privacy and freedom legislation.

The Communications Decency Act, as the Exon Bill is also known, would change the language of existing laws — which primarily involve telephones — to include other telecommunications devices, such as computers — including the data servers used by Internet sites and commercial providers such as America Online.

The bill would impose criminal liabilities on servers and on-line services. The person responsible for posting a prohibi-

ed message could get up to \$100,000 in fines and two years in jail.

Many supporters of Internet freedom oppose the legislation because they believe it threatens to impose censorship on the free waves of the medium.

"Lovers send Valentines through the mail and make dates by telephone, the same media used by kidnapers for ransom arrangements, but the post office and telephone are not banned," said Tom Collins in a post on the alt.politics.datahighway newsgroup, an Internet bulletin board.

According to the Electronic Frontier Foundation, the legislation would impose content restrictions on computer communications that would chill First Amendment protected speech and restrict

adults in the public forums of computer networks to writing and reading only such content as is suitable for children.

The Cato Institute, a think-tank based in Washington, D.C., said the Exon Bill could severely restrict the free flow of information that characterizes the digital age in a study released by the group.

But Exon says he is trying to preserve the decency of the Internet.

"I want to keep the Information Superhighway from resembling a red-light district," Exon said when introducing the bill, according to the on-line publication *Hotwired*. "This legislation will help stop those who electronically cruise the digital universe [and] engage children in inappropriate communications."

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