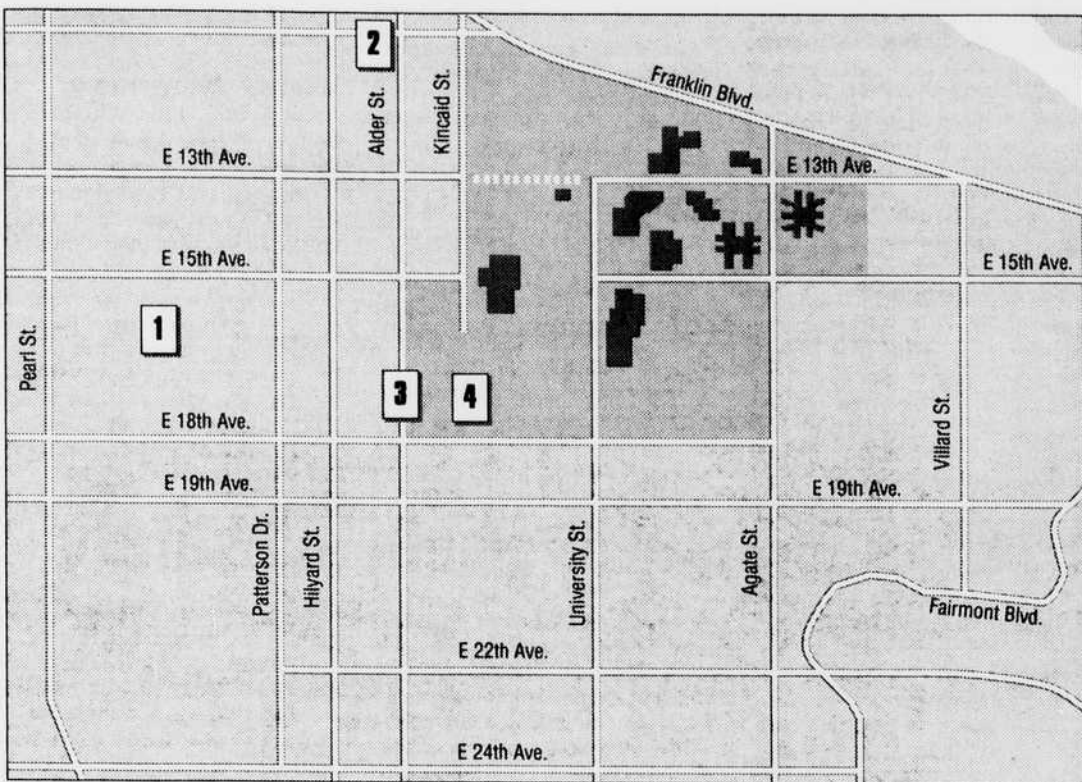


POLICE BEAT



Thief steals woman's checks, forges three

1 An unknown thief stole a Eugene woman's checkbook Dec. 30 and later wrote three forged checks at campus-area stores, a police report said.

The checkbook was apparently stolen from a locked apartment mailbox. There were no signs of forced entry into the mailbox.

The woman is not being held responsible for the purchases made with the forged checks.

Phi Kappa Psi member reports stolen items

2 A number of items were stolen from a student's bedroom at the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity house during the winter break.

One hundred thirty-six compact discs were stolen during the break-in, which is believed to have occurred between Dec. 30 and Jan. 4 sometime around 4 or 5 p.m. Damage was done to the bedroom door frame and the lock assembly. There were no signs of forced entry into the house.

The student said a local contractor had several workers in the house, which was unoccupied

during the break, who were installing carpet. The workers had the front door combination, the student said.

According to the reporting officer, fraternity houses are often left relatively unsecured during University breaks and are easily accessed.

Large house robbed during winter break

3 A 12-speed mountain bike and several compact discs were among the items taken during a burglary at 1708 Alder St.

The burglary, which was reported Jan. 1 by a resident who had items stolen, happened sometime between Dec. 8 and Dec. 15. Items taken from other residents of the large, multi-level house include stereo equipment and CDs.

A coin-operated washing machine was broken into and the contents stolen. A coin-operated dryer was also damaged when the robber attempted to break into it.

Six residents were in the process of moving out of the house during the approximate time of the robbery. There were no detectable signs of forced entry into the house.

The reporting officer was advised that the windows of the house did not secure well. The officer found the house to be dirty, so he could not take fingerprints for processing. However, a partial shoe print was found on the damaged washing machine coin box.

Man cited for cutting tree limbs on campus

4 A 27-year-old Eugene man was arrested and charged with criminal mischief after he was caught cutting tree limbs Dec. 30 on campus.

At approximately 10:20 p.m., an officer responded to a call and found the man in a tree west of Beall Hall with a loop saw.

The man, who said he had previously been a landscaper, said he was not damaging trees when he cut the three limbs. The man, whose ticket was \$505, was cited and released.

The officer planned to contact the tree maintenance supervisor at the University to see if work would need to be done because of the incident.

—Compiled by Jesse Sowa

Girl charged in child prostitution case

A 17-year-old girl is accused of organizing a teenage prostitution ring in Astoria

The Associated Press

ASTORIA — A grand jury this week considers the case of a 17-year-old girl charged with forcing other teens into prostitution to provide food, shelter, drugs and alcohol for herself.

Brandy Marie Huff-Olvera was arrested Friday on three counts of conspiring to compel prostitution, involving three 14-year-old girls. She is held in the Donald E. Long Home for juveniles in Portland.

Authorities are considering charging Huff, who turns 18 in April, as an adult.

Huff is accused of arranging sexual encounters between teenage girls and men in two Astoria neighborhoods in this coastal town of 10,000 where police have been investigating allegations of crimes involving sex, drugs and alcohol for months, authorities said.

Huff "basically supported herself" through the arrangements, Astoria Police Capt. Alan Oja said.

The men paid her with alcohol, drugs, food, housing and transportation, he said.

"At this point, I can't tell you how many people have been involved. We're still looking for some answers to some of those questions. Suffice it to say, there were a number of adult men involved and it's been going on for some time, probably months," Oja said.

Police have arrested eight men for crimes ranging from sexual abuse to furnishing alcohol to minors.

The investigation was launched after a 26-year-old man was arrested for having a sexual relationship with a 12-year-old girl.

Officer Greg Walker, who helped lead the investigation, said men would pick out a girl they observed in two neighborhoods and Huff would "take an order for a girl."

Huff would contact the girls and arrange get-togethers.

Walker said Huff would supply liquor and sometimes cocaine, methamphetamines or marijuana "and essentially get the girl to the state of intoxication where she didn't know what was going on

and steered her to the male adult," Walker said.

Huff allegedly arranged for a 14-year-old Astoria girl to party with her and two men in Ilwaco, Wash., in December, where police said the younger girl was raped by a 19-year-old man.

Two weeks later, on Dec. 19, police found the girl, a runaway, in a room rented by Huff at an Astoria motel.

Two men, Antonio Medina-Perez, 21, and Federico Reyes Javamillo are charged with sex abuse crimes in that incident.

Some of the girls fell in love or thought they were in love with the men who gave them gifts and treated them politely, Walker explained.

Huff has two children who are in her parents' custody, police said.


She is fluent in Spanish and met the men, most of whom are Mexican nationals, by acting as a translator, police said.



She would help them fill out paperwork for identification, cash paychecks and get around in a mostly English-speaking community, Walker added.

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