

Man arrested after shooting

A 47-year-old man was shot in the chest early Tuesday evening near 12th Avenue and Oak Street. Jerald Edward Nixon remained in fair condition at Sacred Heart Medical Center Wednesday evening. The suspect, 20-year-old Rudy Gorman, was taken into custody and is currently being held on charges of assault, according to a police report. After speaking with witnesses, investigators identified Gorman as a suspect and located him at 2750 West 18th Avenue. Police said the circumstances of the shooting are unclear.

NFL: Jets sign Spence

Continued from Page 1A veterans a real boost had he attended," Marchbroda said in a released statement on Wednesday. "They would have seen a player who is going to make us better on both offense and special teams."

Johnson was one of two former Oregon stars to sign contracts with NFL teams this week. On Tuesday, former Duck tight end Blake Spence agreed to terms with the New York Jets. Terms of the deal were not disclosed.

Spence, who led Oregon tight ends last season with 38 receptions for 632 yards and six touchdowns, is one of four players at the position currently on the Jets' roster.

Kyle Brady and Fred Baxter, who divided time at the position last season for New York, combined to catch 49 receptions for

more than 500 yards. Both players are currently under contract with the team.

Earlier this month, New York agreed to terms with Lawrence Hart, a first-year tight end from



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Southern who was selected in the seventh round by the Jets in April. Both Spence and Hart will attend a mandatory NFL rookie symposium in Denver beginning today. The four-day event concludes Sunday.

All players are scheduled to report to the Jets' July 21 training camp. Until that time, New York officials said Spence and Hart will be working on conditioning with the team.

Congressional imposter sentenced

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — A man accused of impersonating a congressman and living off bad checks and stolen goods was sentenced to nine years in an Indiana prison.

Jason McDermott, 23, was sentenced Tuesday in Porter County, Ind., Superior Court, where he also was ordered to pay \$8,700 in restitution to victims of his scams.

McDermott got four years for three counts of theft in Indiana and five years for escaping from the Porter County Jail. He had pleaded guilty earlier.

Authorities said he could be released in 4 1/2 years with time off for good behavior.

McDermott, of Elmhurst, also is wanted on charges of forgery and theft in Illinois and elsewhere in Indiana.

Authorities say McDermott masqueraded more than once as U.S. Rep. Jim McDermott, D-Wash. The two are not related.

A Southern Illinois car dealer had accepted a \$4,400 bad check with the congressman's name on it and the words "U.S. House of Representatives" as payment for an auto.

Jason McDermott is also believed to have used the 59-year-old lawmaker's name to bid on a Hawaiian vacation at a charity auction and for other purposes, authorities said.

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