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Attacker spotted in cemetery

Police think a recent sighting in the Pioneer Cemetery is the same man responsible for six campus attacks since February

By Lindsay Buchele
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Local police say the man they believe to be responsible for six campus-area attacks has surfaced again.

The Department of Public Safety received a report May 21 that a suspicious person was "lurking" in the Pioneer Cemetery, and the person fit the description of the man who has been attempting to assault women on and near the University since February.

"We're assuming this is the same person," said Eugene Police Department officer Ray Livingston, who has received five of the six attempted assault reports. "He fits the description provided by the composite drawing."

Livingston said the suspicious person, who was reported by University students at Gerlinger Hall, was described as wearing a mask and dark clothing and was hiding behind bushes on the north side of the cemetery.

"By the time we responded to the call, the suspect had run away," Livingston said.

EPD officer Peter Aguilar said there is always an increase in reports of suspicious persons when the weather gets warmer, but when someone is nervous enough to call, it's something the police follow closely.



ARTIST'S COMPOSITE OF SUSPECT

"We have our dispatchers ask as many questions as they can before an officer responds to the call," Aguilar said. "We try to determine whether a crime is taking place or if a person just looks suspicious. If there are weapons or someone looks like they're being hurt, that call has a higher priority."

The latest report is not the first to describe the suspect in the cemetery, Livingston said. The fourth and fifth

attempted assaults made by the suspect also took place in the cemetery.

The fourth assault attempt took place on the northwest side of the cemetery. During the assault, the suspect reportedly said, "Pretty bitch, why don't you want to be with me?" Livingston said the victim kicked the suspect's shins with her shoe and was able to escape.

Livingston said during the fifth assault attempt, the suspect appeared to be masturbating in the cemetery and then began to approach a woman, who fled before the suspect could get to her. The woman then reported the incident.

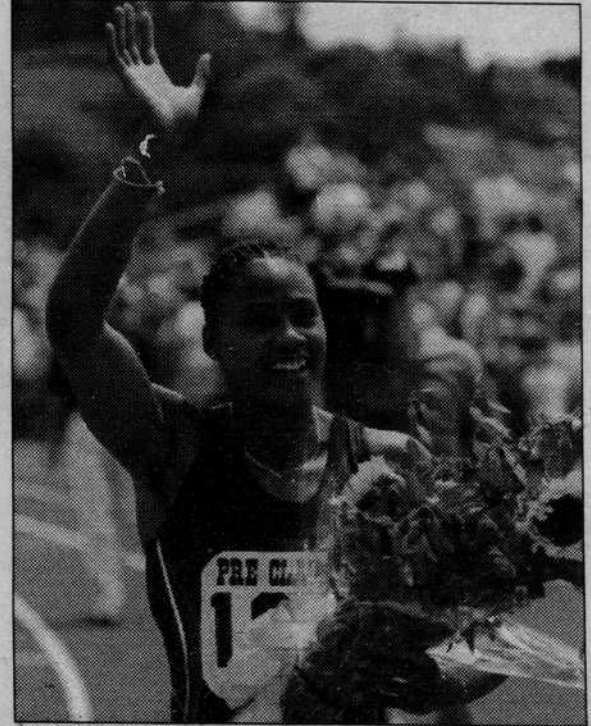
The sixth attack, which took place April 13 by the Knickerbocker Bike Bridge in Alton Baker Park, was the last police had seen or heard of the suspect until last week. Livingston said this could be due to the local publicity the attacks have been getting.

"This suspect tends to lay low for a while in between incidents," Livingston said.

EPD Sgt. Scott McKee said in a

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World's fastest woman



R. Ashley Smith Emerald
Marion Jones waves to the Hayward Field crowd after her victory in the women's 200 meters at the Prefontaine Classic Sunday.

Crowd remembers fallen US patriots

More than 500 people gathered at West Lawn Memorial Park and Funeral Home to honor those who died for freedom

By Lisa Toth
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The crowd members bowed their heads in a moment of silence. During that time, the only sound that could be heard was the rippling of the American flag, raised at half-staff, as it thrashed in the fierce wind.

Below overcast skies Monday afternoon, a crowd of more than 500 people gathered for a Memorial Day service at the West Lawn Memorial Park and Funeral Home. Bouquets of flowers and red, white and blue symbols of patriotism adorned the graves of those people who died in the service of their country.

Even before the service began, a lone member of the Oregon State Defense Force Pipe Band set the solemn mood while practicing the bagpipe in the parking lot.

Master of ceremonies and veteran supporter Rod Huey opened the service before the crowd, which included survivors of World War II and the Korean War as well as a Pearl Harbor survivor.

"Young people, it is especially important for you to know that freedom isn't free. It is costly, but worth every ounce of sweat, blood and tears," Huey said.

As Huey was finishing his introduction, crowd members turned their heads upward and pointed their fingers to the sky as a team from the Eugene Skydivers performed a parachute jump carrying the American flag and a Prisoner Of War/Missing In Action flag that read "You are not forgotten."

The University's ROTC presented the posting and retirement of the flags. The color guard, composed of flag cadets Karl Ludeman and Aaron Sarver and rifle cadets Tre Hester and Jon Seigle, was led by Color Sgt. Marcella Marchesano.

"It is very important to pay respect to those who have served their country so well in the past," Marchesano said.

After vocal soloist Phyllis Hamburger sang "The Star Spangled Banner," U.S. Senator Ron Wyden, D-Ore., addressed the audience members by reminding them to give thanks to all the veterans.

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Tom Patterson Emerald
Maj. Ken Nygren tries to make his seven-and-a-half-year-old son Eric aware of the importance of Memorial Day ceremonies.

Young musicians honor war veterans

Shasta Middle School's symphonic band and concert choir performed for a Memorial Day ceremony

By Beata Mostafavi
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While some young people may see Memorial Day as just another day off from classes, several students from Shasta Middle School showed Monday that they find more meaning in the holiday.

The school's symphonic band and concert choir performed tunes such as "America the Beautiful" and "Battle Hymn of the Republic" during an annual Memorial Day ceremony held at the Eugene Pioneer Cemetery on campus.

Eighth grade Shasta band member Danielle Rogers said Memorial Day should be celebrated to honor the soldiers who fought for all the rights she has now.

"They died so we could have a better future," she said.

For the ceremony, about 50 community members gathered around the Pioneer Statue, which stands in the center of dozens of Civil War veterans' graves. An American flag hangs from each headstone.

As the music played, members of different patriotic organizations, such as the American Legion Post 3, spoke with the hope of honoring veterans and reminding young people that

many died for the freedom they have today.

Although some young people recognize that wars have affected their lives, Harold Burgard, a Korean War veteran and Eugene resident, said many do not realize the sacrifices that veterans have made.

"People brought up today don't even realize there was a war," he said. "A lot of our people died for the freedom young people have today ... We just happen to be the lucky ones that came back."

Cmdr. Bob Potter, a member of the American Legion Post 3 and a veteran of the Korean and Vietnam wars, said the ceremony's message was aimed at younger people who may take freedom for granted.

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