

Portland Police & Fire Reports

NORTH & NORTHEAST POLICE INVESTIGATE DEATH AT A LLOYD CENTER HOTEL

News Release: Portland Police Bureau Posted on FlashAlert: December 28th, 2014 3:40 PM

On Friday December 26, 2014, at 10:44 a.m., North Precinct officers responded to the report of a deceased female at the DoubleTree Hotel Lloyd Center, located at 1000 Northeast Multnomah Street. Homicide detectives ask for the public's help as they investigate the homicide of 24-year-old Ashley Renee Benson. Detectives have learned that Benson was a victim of sex trafficking but it is not clear if that is directly related to her death. She was discovered deceased in a stairwell. The Oregon State Medical Examiner conducted an autopsy and determined that she died of homicidal violence. Anyone with information about this case should

contact Detective Michele Michaels at (503) 823-0692, Michele.michaels@portlandoregon.gov; or, Detective Bryan Steed at (503) 823-0395, bryan.steed@portlandoregon.gov.

SHOOTING IN PIEDMONT NEIGHBORHOOD

News Release: Portland Police Bureau Posted on FlashAlert: December 24th, 2014 10:00 AM

On Wednesday December 24, 2014, at 2:20 a.m., North Precinct officers responded to the report of gunfire outside McDonald's, located at NE Martin Luther King Jr. and Columbia Boulevard. Officers arrived at the scene and located broken glass from a vehicle but no other evidence of gunfire or victims. A witness reported a vehicle leaving the area that may have been related to the shooting. At NE 42nd Avenue and Killingsworth, a K-9 Officer spotted a vehicle matching the description and initiated a traffic stop. Officers contacted five people inside the vehicle, including two gang associate. Two of the vehicle's windows were shot out but nobody inside the car was injured.

Officers responded to a report of a shooting with a victim on the ground in the parking lot of the McDonald's at NE MLK/Columbia. Officers found broken vehicle glass at the scene, but no shell casings, blood or other evidence that anyone had been injured.

The Gang Enforcement Team will follow-up the incident with further investigation.

The Portland Police Bureau Gang Enforcement Team and Gun Task Force are continuing to actively investigate gang and gun crimes in the City of Portland. Anyone with information about gang and/or gun crimes in the City of Portland is encouraged to provide information to the Portland Police

Bureau's Tactical Operations Division at (503) 823-4106. Tips on gun crimes can be emailed to GunTaskForce@portlandoregon.gov. If you see a gun crime in progress, call 9-1-1.

BASHFUL BURGLAR ARRESTED-CHARGED W/ TWO BURGLARIES IN PORTSMOUTH

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On December 19, 2014, a North Precinct patrol officer contacted 25-year-old Debbie Ann Stevenson riding her bicycle on N. Lombard Street and Fortune Avenue. The officer suspected Stevenson as possibly being involved in a prior burglary where a neighbor took a photo of the suspect, nicknamed "The Bashful Burglar" on the Police Bureau's CanYouIDMe page. As the officer was talking to Stevenson, a man drove up and told the officer that Stevenson had just stolen clothing from the laundry room of a nearby apartment complex. The officer took Stevenson into custody and located the victim's stolen clothing in Stevenson's backpack. Further investigation by the officer revealed that Stevenson was the woman in the photograph, taken by a neighbor after she burglarized a fire-damaged home in the 7900 block of North Clarendon Avenue on December 8. Stevenson was booked into the Multnomah County Jail on charges of Burglary in the First Degree and Burglary in the Second Degree.

There are several open cases that need the public's help to identify suspects, persons-of-interest or critical witnesses. Information about these cases can be viewed by visiting <http://www.portlandoregon.gov/police/canyouidme/>

AROUND THE CITY TWO TEENS ARRESTED FOR MULTIPLE ARMED ROBBERIES

News Release: Portland Police Bureau Posted FlashAlert: Dec 29 2014-7:30 AM

Portland Police Bureau Robbery detectives have charged two teens with a series of pedestrian robberies that occurred late Friday and early Saturday in SE Portland. 17-year-old Jovon Marcus Heath and 15-year-old Michael Antone Miller were booked into the Donald E. Long Juvenile Detention Home on charges of Attempted Aggravated Murder, Robbery in the First Degree (six counts) and Robbery in the Second Degree (six counts).

This investigation started on Friday December 26, 2014, at 8:17 p.m., when East Precinct officers responded to the report of a pedestrian robbery with shots fired in the area of Southeast 80th Avenue and Flavel Street.

Officers contacted the 13 and 16-year-old male victims who told police that the suspects approached them and demanded money. As the victims ran away, one of the suspects fired several shots at them, striking only a parked car. As officers were investigating this incident, another robbery was broadcast with suspect descriptions matching the description of the first robbery. The second robbery was reported at approximately 10:10 p.m. and occurred at Southeast 97th and Foster Road. The suspects, one armed with a handgun, demanded money from the three victims, taking one of their wallets. The victims in this robbery were a 20-year-old female, a 20-year-old male and a 19-year-old male. As officers were investigating the second robbery, an unknown person called 9-1-1 to report another robbery but did not stay on the phone long enough to provide additional information. At 12:35 a.m. on Saturday December 27, officers responded to the report of a fourth robbery near Southeast 112th Avenue and Powell Boulevard. The 19-year-old male victim provided good suspect descriptions to 9-1-1 and officers quickly arrived in the area, located the suspects and took them into custody without incident. Officers recovered a handgun that is believed to be the gun used in the robberies. East Precinct officers, Gang Enforcement Team officers and Robbery detectives worked collaboratively to collect evidence, and interview victims and witnesses in this robbery spree, resulting in these arrests and charges. Heath and Miller will be arraigned in Multnomah County Juvenile Court. Detectives would like to hear from anyone with information about these robberies or any additional victims.

Victims or witnesses may contact Detective John Russell at (503) 823-823-0836, john.russell@portlandoregon.gov

SHOOTING AT TOMMY'S TOO ON FOSTER ROAD

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On December 22, 2014, at 10:07 p.m., East Precinct officers responded to

Tommy's Too bar, located at 10335 SE Foster Road, on the report of a shooting. Officers and medical personnel arrived and located a male adult victim suffering from life-threatening injuries.

The victim is 54-year-old Craig Matthew Desmarais, who was in critical condition the time of this report. No further suspect information is available and detectives are continuing to ask for the public's help in this investigation. Detectives have learned that he was shot during an apparent robbery of the business. Detectives have a very limited suspect description at this point. The suspect is described as an unknown race male wearing all dark clothing. Anyone with information about this robbery and shooting should contact Detective Kristina Coffey at (503) 823-0696, kristina.coffey@portlandoregon.gov; or, Detective Mark Sponhauer at (503) 823-0416, mark.sponhauer@portlandoregon.gov.

NAKED MAN ARRESTED AFTER STEALING OFFICER'S TASER DURING STRUGGLE

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On Monday December 22, 2014, at 12:36 p.m., North Precinct officers responded to NE 13th Avenue and Multnomah Street on the report that a man was exposing himself to some young children. The caller provided police with a description and the first arriving officer found the suspect standing in Holladay Park and noted that the suspect had removed all of his clothing. The officer contacted the suspect who began aggressively advancing towards the officer, who unholstered her Taser. The suspect was able to close the distance to the officer and struggle with her over the Taser, ultimately ripping it from her grasp. The officer was able to remove the cartridge before the suspect had control of the Taser. The officer called for cover as the suspect tried to get into the patrol car, but it was locked. The suspect remained in the park as cover officers arrived and he surrendered to officers without incident. The suspect, 32-year-old Lunnarness Mendoza, was booked into the Multnomah County Jail on charges of Assaulting a Public Safety Officer, Indecent Exposure and Theft in the Sec-

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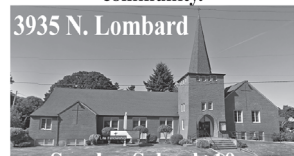
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