

Update-Bank Robbery Suspects Arrested After Shooting At Officers
US Bank-1445 N. Hayden Island Drive

On Friday, June 18, 1993 at approximately 10:46 am, North Precinct Officers responded to the US Bank, 1445 N. Hayden Island Drive, regarding an armed robbery which had just occurred. Upon officers' arrival they were told that two armed suspects, entered the bank, held up two tellers and fled with an undisclosed amount of cash. The suspects were last seen in a 1972 Brown colored Buick Regal. A description of the suspects and their vehicle was broadcast to surrounding officers.

At approximately 11:07 am officers located the suspect vehicle at the Comfort Inn Motel located at 431 NE Multnomah Street. As additional officers began to converge on the area, the two suspects, left their room, #242, ran to room #119, which was open and faces NE Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. (MLK) and jumped out the window onto NE MLK. Both suspects were armed, one with a .40 caliber Glock semi-automatic pistol and the other with a Ruger, model P 89, 9mm semi-automatic pistol.

Officers began to pursue the suspects, westbound, crossing NE MLK into the Lyons Restaurant, 1215 NE MLK, parking lot, exiting the parking lot onto NE 3rd Avenue.

The two suspects shot at pursuing officers, who returned fire. As the officers chased the suspects two marked police cars were hit by the suspects gunfire. As the suspects crossed the 1200 block of NE 3rd Avenue, one of the suspects jumped over some shrubbery, landing on the front windshield of a Red Toyota Tercel. The suspect ran across the Holladay Park Medical Center Parking lot, 1225 NE 2nd Avenue and attempted to take cover behind two trees, directly in front of the Holladay Park Medical Center. From behind the trees, the suspects shot at the officers. The suspects left their position of cover, with one of the suspects, diving through a plate glass window, followed by the second suspect. Officers pursued the suspects into the lobby, where the suspects surrendered.

The suspects have tentatively been identified as Gable Lee Eaton DOB 9-18-65 and Darrell Lavon Steele DOB 1-21-67. During the exchange of gunfire, Eaton, who was armed with the

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.40 caliber Glock pistol, was wounded in the right leg. Steele, who was armed with the 9mm Ruger, sustained head lacerations, as result of diving, head first, through the window. Both suspects were taken to Emanuel Hospital, where they were treated and released into police custody.

No officers or citizens were injured during this incident.

Investigators are looking into the possibility that these two suspects may have been involved in an earlier robbery, in the state of Washington, within the last two weeks. The suspects are allegedly from Washington D.C. and have no local record here in Portland.

Eaton and Steele have been charged with Robbery in the First Degree and Attempted Murder. They are being held in the Justice Center Jail, in lieu of \$100,000 bail and arraignment is scheduled for 2:00 PM Monday, June 21, 1993.

Photographs of the suspects are not available at this time, pending further investigation. The investigation is continuing.

Shooting Investigation
4745 NE 15th Avenue

On Thursday, June 17, 1993 at approximately 12:23am, North Precinct Officers were summoned to 4745 NE 15th Avenue regarding a woman who had been shot by a bullet which came through the front window. Upon the arrival of officers and medical personnel, they found a woman identified as Eddie Harris DOB 2-24-48, who resides at the residence, suffering from a gunshot wound to the left calf. Harris was transported to a local hospital for treatment. At the scene officers recovered an undisclosed caliber and number of shell casings at the scene.

Reportedly, the shooting is a result of an incident, which occurred earlier in the evening, involving Harris' 18 year old grandson. Allegedly at approximately 12:00pm, Wednesday, June 16, 1993, at NE 15th Avenue and Wygant Street, the 18 year old grandson, who is considered a gang affiliate, became involved in an altercation with some rival gang members. After the altercation the 18 year old grandson ran into his grandmother's, Har-

ris', home to seek refuge.

Apparently, the suspects came to the residence and fired several shots through Harris' bedroom window wounding Harris who was in her bedroom window. The intended victim was not at the residence at the time of the shooting.

The shooting is considered gang related. No arrests have been made and the investigation is continuing.

Update-Kidnap/Rape Suspect Investigation
Location-NE 118th Avenue and Prescott Street

Wednesday, June 16, 1993, while canvassing the area of NE 118th Avenue and Sandy Blvd, searching for witnesses who may observed Gilberto Roman Chi-Espejo DOB 10-2-72, who was arrested for the rape and kidnap of a 12 year old girl, Detective Mike Stahlman encountered a witness who saw the victim being dropped off in the area of NE 118th Avenue and Sandy Blvd. This was contrary to the story that investigators were first told, which was, that the victim escaped, after hitting Chi-Espejo with a beer bottle and fleeing from the area of NE 135th Avenue and Whitaker Way.

Detective Mike Stahlman re-contacted the victim and was given a slightly different version of events which led up to the Monday, June 14, 1993 rape. The victim told Detective Stahlman that she observed the suspect driving a 1985 Black Dodge Charger, Oregon license plate SCM854. The victim was familiar with several other subjects who drove this same car but not Chi-Espejo. Chi-Espejo allegedly drove by the victim, who was waiting at the bus stop, located at NE 118th Avenue and Sandy Blvd, at about 8:30 am.

Chi-Espejo, drove by twice, asking the victim if she wanted a ride to school. The victim turned down Chi-Espejo's first request but accepted a ride the second time Chi-Espejo asked.

Instead of taking the victim directly to school, as requested, Chi-Espejo drove the victim to an isolated area in Troutdale, Oregon and raped her. After the attack, Chi-Espejo drove the victim back to the area of NE 118th Avenue and Sandy Blvd, released the

victim, at which time the victim reported the incident to her father at approximately 12:00 noon.

Originally investigators were told by the victim that she was forced into a car by a stranger and escaped after hitting her attacker on the head with an empty bottle of beer.

Chi-Espejo was arraigned yesterday on charges of Kidnap and Rape in the First Degree.

A grand Jury is expected to hear evidence in this case within the next two weeks.

The investigation is continuing.

Public Assistance Sought In Homicide Investigation
N. Concord Avenue And Going Court

Homicide Detectives are seeking the public's assistance in the homicide investigation of Lawana Janelle Triplett DOB 3-29-64. Triplett's body was discovered Tuesday, June 15, 1993 at N. Concord Avenue and Going court, by school children in shrubbery next to a concrete barrier that parallels N. Going Street. An autopsy conducted Wednesday, June 16, 1993 determined that Triplett died from abdominal injuries and strangulation.

Detectives have learned that Triplett was last seen walking westbound on NE Alberta Street from NE 16th Avenue, shortly after midnight, Tuesday, June 15, 1993. Earlier, Triplett had stopped at two local taverns, located on NE Alberta Street.

Anyone with information regarding Triplett, is asked to contact Detective Dave Rubey of the Homicide Detail at (503) 796-3400. No arrest have been made and the investigation is continuing. A photograph of Triplett is available at the Identification Division, 12th floor of the Justice Center.

Robbery Suspect Arrested
Taco Bell - 1024 NE 82nd Avenue

On Saturday, June 19, 1993 at approximately 3:14 am, East Precinct Uniform Officers responded to the Taco Bell Restaurant, 1024 NE 82nd Avenue, regarding an Armed Robbery which had just occurred. Officers were advised that a lone suspect, armed

with a gun, wearing a mask, had just driven through the drive-up window and robbed the cashier, taking an undisclosed amount of cash.

En route to the scene, Officer George Burke, observed a car, later determined to be the suspect vehicle, leaving the area of the robbery, at a high rate of speed. Suspicious of the vehicle, Officer Burke followed the car to the area of NE 79th and Schuyler Street, where the driver fled from the vehicle on foot. With the assistance of additional covering officers, the area was cordoned off. Officers observed in the suspect vehicle, the cash taken in the robbery, gloves, a scarf and a baseball cap that the suspect used during the robbery. With the assistance of a canine officer and his dog, the suspect was tracked to the area of Madison High School, where the suspect ran from the officers. The suspect was eventually tackled by Officers Kevin Warren and Mike Westerman. The suspect continued to struggle and fight with the officers but was eventually subdued. Officers Warren and Westerman, as well as the suspect, were all taken to local hospital to be treated for minor injuries sustained during scuffle. After being treated, the officers and the suspect, were released.

The suspect, who was not carrying any identification and refused to identify himself, was charged with Robbery in the first degree and lodged at the justice Center Jail. The suspect, has tentatively been identified as, Joseph Dean Matthew, date of birth 07-24-68, is being held in lieu of \$50,000.00 bail. Arraignment is scheduled for 2:00 pm Monday, June 21, 1993 at the Justice Center. The investigation is continuing.

Shooting Investigation
NE 6th Drive And Marine Drive

On Sunday, June 20, 1993 at 11:50 p.m., North Precinct Uniform Officer responded to the phone booth, located at NE 6th Drive and Marine Drive, where the victims of a shooting were requesting assistance. Upon the arrival of officers and medical personnel, they found Glendell Seamster, DOB 11-15-64, suffering from a gunshot wound to the right buttocks, Mark

A Mason, DOB 03-06-56, suffering from gunshot wounds to the head and left foot, and Michael Mason, DOB 02-07-51, brother of Mark, who was not injured. Seamster and Mark Mason, were taken to Emanuel Hospital, where Seamster was treated and released and Mason remained listed in stable condition.

Officers also found Seamster's car at the scene which had been struck 11 times by gunfire. Also in the vehicle were syringes and alcohol. Officers attempted to question the victims, who were not cooperating fully with investigators, in an attempt to determine what happened. Michael Mason took officers near 1-205 and NE Marine Drive, which is the scene of the shooting, where officers found nine spent casings belonging to a semi-automatic weapon.

Although officers have few details, they believe the victims became involved in an altercation with three to four subjects, which led up to the shooting. Afterwards the victims drove to NE 6th Drive and Marine Drive where they reported the incident. It is unknown what the victims were doing at location of occurrence or what the argument was in regards to.

No arrest have been made and officers have no suspects. The investigation is continuing.

Toxicology Results Show Armed Gunman Under Influence Of Drugs

Hidden Treasures Antique Store-7104 SE Foster Road

According to Dr. Larry Lewman, State Medical Examiner, the toxicology results of William Riley Wood DOB 9-15-63, "indicate that he (Wood) was under influence of a high level of methamphetamine at the time he was fatally shot."

Wood, was fatally wounded, on Monday, June 14, 1993, during a robbery attempt that went awry. The store owner, Lawrence Thomas Freeman DOB 9-25-55, of the Hidden Treasures Antique Store, 7104 SE Foster Road, shot Wood after Wood confronted Freeman with a gun. Freeman was able to wrestle the gun away from Wood and immediately shot Wood, once in the chest.

According to Dr. Larry Lewman, an autopsy conducted on Tuesday June 15, 1993 showed that Wood "died from a single gunshot wound which entered through the chest (front) and passed through the heart, aorta, left lung and exited out the back.

Juneteenth 93

PGE Employees Celebrated Juneteenth

Ethnic foods, music, dancing, poetry readings, and historic displays marked Portland General Electric Co.'s Juneteenth Celebration, Friday, June 18th, in the courtyard at Two World Trade Center.

Sponsored by the company's African-American Network, the event commemorated the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation signed by Abraham Lincoln more than 130 years ago.

The first Juneteenth Celebration was held June 19, 1865, when General Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston, Texas, and read a government order freeing all slaves in east Texas. The Emancipation Proclamation as actually signed two years prior on Jan. 1, 1863.

"Today, celebrations of these events are held on a number of different dates throughout the South," says Juneteenth Committee Chairman Bobby Brown of PGE's Human Resources Department. "But they all revolve around one historic achievement--the freedom of African-Americans from slavery."

"There are still areas in this country that have never heard of Juneteenth," says Brown. "We hope this celebration will provide our em-

ployees with a chance to learn about and better understand different cultures."

PGE's Juneteenth gave all employees an opportunity to sample a variety of ethnic foods, watch dancing by the African-American Ballet Dancers, hear music, and listen to poetry readings featuring works by Maya Angelou. Employees were also treated to an array of displays focusing primarily on African-American history and culture.

As an added element to the celebration, the company's Asian American/Pacific Island Network and Hispanic Leadership Association prepared and served foods popular in their cultures. In addition, the two groups hosted performances by the Pilipino (sic) American Youth Dance Group and Mexican Dancer of the Ballet Folklorico De Woodburn.

Although this was the largest event that PGE's African-American Network and other PGE host groups sponsor, additional activities and seminars are held throughout the year. Examples include involvement in the recent Cinco de Mayo celebration on the waterfront and sponsorship of professional development and communications seminars.

Community Care



Emanuel Hospital



Garlington Center



Stay Clean Celebrated Juneteenth Day

Stay Clean hosted one of the city's largest Juneteenth celebrations. There were guest speakers, bands, and lots of good food. This is an annual event put on by the non-profit agency to bring the community together in unity.