

# POLICE NEWS

## Homicide

Portland Police Bureau Detectives, in cooperation with Crime Stoppers, are asking for your help in identifying and apprehending the person responsible for a homicide.

On Monday, May 15, 1995, at about 4:30 in the afternoon, Bennie Lee Hedgemon, a 47-year-old black male, was walking on the sidewalk at N Jessup Street and N Albina Avenue. According to witnesses, the suspect ran up behind Hedgemon and beat him with a wooden object. The suspect walked off when a passerby came to the victim's aid.

Hedgemon was transported to an area hospital where he later died of his injuries. Investigators are attempting to determine the motive for the attack.

The suspect is described as an adult male black, 6'0 tall, weighing 150 pounds, dark complexion, with a shaved head or close cropped hair. At the time he was wearing a white T-shirt and blue jeans.

Crime Stoppers is offering a cash reward of up to \$1,000 for information, reported to Crime Stoppers, that leads to an arrest in this case, or any unsolved felony crime, and you can remain anonymous. Call Crime Stoppers at (503) 823-HELP.

## Fraud Detail Targets Scams Against Seniors

The Portland Police Bureau's Fraud Detail has assigned a detective to specifically investigate and monitor fraud and financial abuse directed at senior citizens. To further assist in locating and assisting victims of these crimes, the detective will be working out of the Aging Services Division office at 4610 S. E. Division.

## Seattle Resident Slain

Seattle, Washington Police Detectives in cooperation with Crime Stoppers, are asking for your help in solving a homicide that may have a connection to Portland.

On Tuesday, March 7, 1995, David G. Loucks, a 34-year-old white male, was found murdered in his place of business. Loucks was the owner of a recording studio called Alternative Productions, located on Aurora Avenue North in Seattle. Loucks had been asphyxiated, and professional recording equipment stolen from the studio.

A subject calling from Portland, and identifying himself as Paul Waller, had made an appointment to meet the victim at the studio on the day of the crime.

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David G. Loucks, 1

leads to an arrest in this case, or any unsolved felony crime, and you need not give your name. Call Crime Stoppers at (503) 823-HELP.

## Police Investigate Teen Murder

Portland police homicide detectives are investigating a June 27 shooting that killed a 16-year-old northeast Portland boy.

Patrick Curry II, suffered a bullet wound to the head.

Reportedly, he was riding in a car with four others in the vicinity of northeast 12th and Failing when another vehicle passed by and fired multiple shots.

Curry was driven to Emanuel Hospital at about 10:45 p.m. by his companions. He was taken into the emergency room by three people, while the driver of the vehicle fled on foot.

Detectives said they are un-

clear as to the exact motive or circumstances about the shooting due to a lack of information. In addition to the absence of the driver, the other witnesses were described as uncooperative and evasive.

A possible suspect vehicle was described as being similar to a yellow or light-colored Chevrolet, perhaps with a sunroof.

Anyone with information on this incident is asked to call detectives Kent Perry or Cheryl Kanzler at 823-0479.

Reward money is also available through the Crime Stoppers program at 823-HELP.



## Crime Stoppers

### Shooting

Portland Police Bureau Detectives in cooperation with Crime Stoppers, are asking for your help in identifying and apprehending the person or person responsible for a shooting.

On Sunday, May 28, 1995, at approximately 11:20 in the evening, Glenn Earl Lacy, a 17-year-old black male, was found shot in the area of NE Alberta Street and NE 9th Avenue. Detectives believe Lacy, who also uses the names Devon Brown and Little Gin, may have en-



Glenn Earl Lacy

countered more than one assailant, as neighbors reported hearing numerous shots fired.

Lacy, who was severely injured as a result of the gunfire, continues to receive medical treatment.

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On Monday, April 3, 1995, at approximately 12:30 in the morning, 40-year-old Frederico Vicente Cordova and his wife had just left a grocery store, at 915 NE Alberta Street, when they became involved in a confrontation with four black males in a light colored mid-size vehicle, described as similar to a Chevrolet Nova.

Mrs. Cordova, fearing that a



Frederico Vicente Cordova

fight might erupt, was running to summon help when she heard gunshots.

When she returned to the scene of the confrontation, Mrs. Cordova found her husband mortally wounded and the four subjects and the vehicle gone.

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## Drug, Vice Seize Meth

Officers from the Drug and Vice Division seized almost five pounds of suspected methamphetamine from two men the evening of June 21. The street value of the meth is estimated at about \$200,000.

The two suspects were

charged with Possession and Distribution of Methamphetamine and lodged at the Justice Center Jail with bail of \$500,000 each.

The arrests were part of an operation where narcotics Officers Chris Uehara and Eric Hendricks posed as drug buyers.

The suspects offered to sell them methamphetamine, and met the undercover officers at a Southeast Portland motel, where they were taken into custody with the drugs.

Arrested were Pedro Montano Aguilar, DOB 03-25-72 and Jorge Vargas Valencia, DOB 01-24-74.

# AUTOMOTIVE

## Transportation Department Redefines DBE Goals

The Oregon Department of Transportation is working with the Associated General Contractors of Oregon, minority- and women-owned subcontractors, and the federal government to help determine how to do business in light of the recent U.S. Supreme Court ruling affecting federal highway contracts.

On June 12, in a 5-to-4 decision, the Supreme Court called for tighter standards under which federally funded highway contracts must meet Disadvantaged Business Enterprise goals. The DBE program sets goals that prime contractors must meet for hiring minority- and women-owned subcontractors on federally funded highway construction jobs.

Although it appears the court's ruling could substantially change the way states set DBE contract goals, the Federal Highway Administration recently said existing DBE programs must remain in force as a condition of receiving federal funds.

"Changes in the DBE program are likely, but for the time being, Oregon will follow the FHWA directive requiring federally funded contracts to meet current DBE guidelines," said Tom Lulay, manager of ODOT's Technical Services Branch.

"We've been discussing this dilemma with our Justice Department lawyers, the Associated General

Contractors, DBE contractors and others to help decide how to handle contract bidding until we get clarification from FHWA," Lulay added. "Together, we've agreed to continue the joint government-industry effort to meet current DBE goals on federally funded jobs because we all believe it's the right thing to do."

Lulay said ODOT and AGC remain committed to both maintaining a workable highway construction program and continuing and equal opportunity program. A partnering committee composed of ODOT, FHWA, AGC and DBE representatives will continue working on how best to do business in the months ahead, he said.

"We're working to maintain the integrity of the DBE program, despite the uncertainty that exists today. We must continue our highway construction program and we're committed to helping prime contractors hire DBE goals for any highway contract using federal funds. State-funded highway projects do not have to meet DBE contractor requirements, Lulay said. DBE contractors usually focus on specialized work such as safety flagging, guard rail installation and pavement grinding.

ODOT sets DBE goals for federally funded highway construction projects based on the availability of

minority contractors and the nature of the work on each job. The contracts are awarded based on a combination of lowest bid and the pre-contractor's ability to hire DBE subcontractors. "Although the goals may vary slightly from job-to-job, Oregon's annual DBE goal is 12.5 percent on federal contracts," Lulay said. Contractors and subcontractors must follow federal guidelines that govern the nature of the work when meeting DBE goals.

"We are all aware that a legal challenge that stops all construction isn't good for Oregon. That's why we're working together to move ahead cautiously," Lulay said.

"We're not ignoring the Supreme Court, but instead trying to comply with instructions from the Federal Highway Administration in order to keep Oregon's construction program intact. We're seeking a quick definition of guidelines from FHWA that address the Supreme Court ruling. Until then, our joint government-construction industry committee will help us resolve the issues," Lulay said.

## Drivers Beware!

### Work Zone Fines Double

Motorists caught speeding through highway and work zones will be fined two times the normal bail amount, according to a new law which went into effect this month.

Officials from the Oregon Department of Transportation and Oregon State Police warn drivers to pay special attention when they see the orange signs which identify a highway work zone area.

"When drivers see those orange construction signs, it means slow down," says Larry Christianson of the ODOT transportation safety section.

"There is equipment by the road, changes in the roadway pattern, all kinds of things that are different from the road they are just traveling," said Christianson. "The color orange is your signal to slow down and pay attention when driving Oregon's roads and highways."

Christianson said to remember

that a work zone is a "crew's work place, their office."

Jim Dyer of Salem is the father of a highway crew member killed in a work zone.

His son, Tony Collier, was killed in May 1994 when a semi-truck hit him while working at a site in southern Oregon. Speaking at a news conference in Medford, Dyer asked motorists to be cautious.

"What killed Tony was an individual's lack of attention for a second or two," Dyer said. "I want people to be alert that they are in a very dangerous place, not only for themselves, but for the workers."

The fines are applicable to all construction, maintenance and utility operations on all Oregon streets and roads.

Christianson says traffic-related deaths in roadway work zones climbed from just three in 1985 to an

all time high of 17 last year.

"In fact, overall, deaths in roadside work zones have climbed 50 percent since 1982," he said.

But, Christianson adds, as dangerous as it may be for workers, statistics show that drivers and passengers are actually three times more likely to be injured at road construction site accidents.

In 1993, the Oregon Legislature set aside \$1 million to pay for additional police patrols to spot dangerous drivers in work zones around the state.

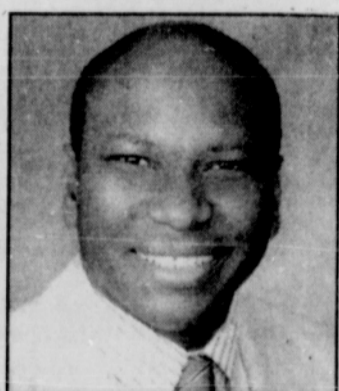
That emphasis is continuing this highway construction season, according to Jim Stevenson, head of the Oregon State Police patrol division.

"Safety on our transportation system is a priority," Stevenson said. "We are serious about citing persons who drive dangerously in or near work zones around the state."

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