

# Police News

## I-5 Bandit Arrested

Portland Police Officers have arrested a Vancouver, Washington man in connection with 25 armed robberies in the Willamette Valley during the last two months.

Steven Craig Cox, DOB 11-14-53, was arrested by East Precinct officers during a traffic stop shortly after the armed robbery of Papa Murphy's Pizza at 11635 NE Halsey St. on the evening of 02-02-96. Cox's wife was also arrested at that time.

Following his arrest, officers determined that Cox matched the description in several local robber-



ies.

Subsequent investigation led to Cox being charged with four counts of First Degree Robbery in connection with Portland Business robber-

ies. Detectives believe that Cox is responsible for 21 other commercial

robberies in Eugene, Salem, Newberg, Tigard, Vancouver, Wash. and Clackamas County. The robberies occurred to fast food stores and small businesses.

Also was Ellen Louise Cox, DOB 04-25-59. She was charged with Possession of Heroin. Detectives believe that the string of robberies were done for money to buy drugs. Mr. Cox allegedly worked for many years at a Portland area business but lost his job in January.

Anyone with information should contact the Robbery Detail at 823-0479.

## CRIME STOPPERS:

### Subject Wanted In Eight Jurisdictions

The Washington County Sheriff's Office, in cooperation with Crime Stoppers, is asking for your help in locating and apprehending Ralph Charles Moffitt.

In addition to the Washington County Sheriff's Office, at least seven other jurisdictions, including Bandon, Cannon Beach, Newport, Ashland, Eugene, Corvallis, and Salem, have warrants for Moffitt's arrest on numerous counts of Burglary, Forgery, and Theft.

Ralph Charles Moffitt is a 53-year-old white male (DOB 092342),



Moffitt, Ralph Charles

5'10", 230 pounds, with curly gray hair and hazel eyes. Alias names he has used include Thomas Myron Dunkin, Bill Forrester, and Steven York. His last known address was on SW Eastman Parkway, in Gresham, but he is no longer living there.

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.

### Officer Involved Shooting, Investigated

A suspect in a drive-by shooting was fatally wounded by Portland Police after he pointed a gun at officers during a traffic stop.

Officers initially responded to the report of a drive-by shooting in the 5800 block of N Michigan Avenue about 12:40 am Wednesday morning. In that incident, 21-year-old Robert L. Smith was shot in the leg as he rode his bicycle on N Michigan Avenue. [Smith told officers that the shots had come from a white Chevrolet Monte Carlo. Investigating officers found several .45 caliber casings in the area.

The suspect vehicle description was broadcast and about 1:30 am Portland Firefighters observed the vehicle at a convenience store near [N Interstate Avenue and Going Street. Police officers responded to

the area and stopped the suspect vehicle, a white Chevrolet Monte Carlo, on N Shaver Street, just west of N Interstate Avenue.

As Officers Terry Kruger and [Michael Lee got out of their car, a passenger quickly exited the vehicle. The man turned and pointed a gun at the officers. At that time Officer Kruger fired one shot at the suspect. The suspect then fled southbound into the block. The officers remained with the vehicle as there were still tow men, a woman and a child in the car. The officers set up a perimeter and began a search with a police dog. The suspect was subsequently discovered in the back yard of a house in the 3900 block of [N Massachusetts Avenue. When officers called to the suspect they received no response, so the Special Emergency Reaction

Team was called to the scene.

The S.E.R.T. Officers P.F.B. Fire Medics approached the suspect and found that he was dead.

Portland Police Detectives are conducting an investigation into the incident. When complete, the results will be given to the Multnomah County District Attorney's Office. As is standard in these incidents, the officers will be placed on paid administrative leave during the investigation.

The identity of the deceased will be released after the Medical Examiner's Office has notified relatives.

Officer Terry Kruger, 30 has eight years of service with the Bureau. Officer Michael Lee, 37, has seven years of service with the Bureau.

under the seizure ordinance.

One of the four women arrested for prostitution activity was additionally charged with Trespass as she had been previously excluded from the Prostitution Free Zone. Similar missions will be conducted in the future.

### Nine Arrested In Prostitution Mission

Southeast Precinct officers conducted an anti-prostitution mission on Wednesday afternoon resulting in the arrest of five men and four women for prostitution related crimes. All were given exclusions under the Prostitution Free Zone ordinance.

The mission focused on activity along NE Sandy Blvd. and NE 82nd Ave. The five men were arrested after they solicited undercover policewomen. The men, from Woodland, Washington, Tualatin, Lafayette, Beaverton and Klamath Falls, all had their cars impounded

### Work-Related Fatalities Record Low

The number of work-related fatalities in Oregon dropped to a record low of 48 in 1995 from the previous record low of 55 in 1994.

"Coming on the heels of this week's fatal high-rise construction accident in Portland, these encouraging new numbers reaffirm how critical it is for both workers and employers to make safety a top priority," said Kerry Barnett, director of the Department of Consumer & Business Services. "Lives are truly at stake."

The largest number of fatalities, 26, were transportation accidents, which include collisions, overturned vehicles, or workers being struck or pinned by trucks or cars. This number also includes five workers who died in aircraft accidents. Falls accounted for seven fatalities, and another seven fatalities resulted from being caught, crushed or struck by falling timber, industrial machinery, or other objects.

Five workers died from drowning or exposure to harmful substances, like asbestos. Truck drivers and other transport operators, as an occupation, accounted for ten fatalities. Seven fatalities occurred in the technical and administrative support occupations. In 1995 there were three fatalities resulting from workplace violence, compared to six in 1994.

Four of the fatalities were women. The youngest worker injured was a 23 year old construction worker killed in

a transportation accident and the oldest worker was a 63 year old millwright who died in a fall.

In order to help address safety concerns, OR-OSHA puts a specific priority on safety inspections for employers in high-risk industries -- like construction and transportation -- and also targets employers who have a history of recent workers' compensation claims.

## State Receives Federal Aid To Hire Flood Impacted Workers

Oregon residents who lost their source of income because of the February flood can seek temporary employment in disaster recovery operation under a \$4 million grant to the state from the U.S. Department of Labor. The funds will be used to create about 500 temporary positions in the clean up efforts.

The jobs will pay wages comparable to the local private sector for

the same work. The work performed will be with public or private non-profit agencies. It will relate to disaster recovery operations such as clearing debris and helping others apply for assistance.

"Primarily the funds will be used for workers who've been displaced directly by the flooding, migrant and seasonal farm workers and other who are out of

work. Because of the funding we may also serve some long-term unemployed people in the communities that have been damaged," said Jacki Bessler-Perasso of the Oregon Job Training Partnership Act Administration.

For more information call 1-800-282-6514 or contact a local Job Training office.

## Check For Light Rail Construction



A check for \$158.5 million in federal funds presented by U.S. Deputy Transportation Secretary Mort Downey, far right, brought smiles to Tri-Met General Manager Tom Walsh, at left, Hillsboro Mayor Gordon Faber, Representative Elizabeth Furse and Portland City Commissioner Earl Blumenauer during a Feb 21 ceremony at the site of the future Civic Stadium MAX station. Tri-Met photo by Tim Jewett

## Lawsuit Against A Barbados Resident

Attorney General Theodore R. Kulongoski and State Lottery Director Chris Lyons today announced the filing of a lawsuit against a Barbados, West Indies, resident alleging that he unlawfully promoted gambling through the misleading sale of opportunities to win prizes in foreign and state lotteries.

The civil lawsuit, filed today in Marion County Circuit Court, names as defendant Fraser Barnes of Barbados, West Indies. Barnes is accused of helping Canadian companies repeatedly take money from Oregonians for a chance to win all or part of lotteries conducted by foreign governments or by other states. The complaint alleges that Barnes promoted unlawful gambling by purchasing lottery tickets with money paid by victims and then collected winning on behalf of the companies. Promotional materials allegedly were misleading because they implied that the lotteries were legal when they were not and that the participants would have a better chance of winning if they purchased through the companies.

At Kulongoski's request, the Marion County Circuit Court temporarily restrained Barnes, and any other person, from transferring or receiving any part of \$1,250,000 in winnings from a Megabucks lottery ticket presented by Barnes in 1994 to the Oregon State Lottery. The lawsuit also seeks forfeiture of the monies Barnes is to receive over the next 17 years as a result of the Megabucks win.

A Department of Justice investigation revealed that many Oregonians have sent money to companies based in British Columbia, Canada to increase their chances of winning prizes or a lottery. Several victims have sent as much as \$50,000. The complaint alleges that Barnes was associated with the following companies: Semper Holdings, Ltd., aka Winners Circle International; T.C. Interglobe Services, Inc.; Winners Marketing, Inc., aka Jackson Enterprises, aka Winners; Goulborn Investments Limited, aka Harvest Gold, aka Project Rainbow; Winners; International Fortune Bureau; New Eagle Club; and Australian Lottery Bil-

lionaires club.

"Ten of thousands of Oregonians are all too familiar with mail promotions from Canada that imply guaranteed lottery winnings," Kulongoski said. "These promotions are illegal in Oregon and consumers should recycle the offers without even reading them."

Kulongoski said fraudulent games of chance, sweepstakes, and puzzle contests placed first on his 1995 consumer complaint top ten list.

"These scams are sold through high pressure telemarketing and sophisticated direct mail. They target vulnerable Oregonians and my office is going to do all that it can to see that no one profits by misleading our citizens."

Lottery Director Lyons advised that "anyone who wishes to buy an Oregon Lottery ticket should do so only from a legitimate Oregon Lottery retailer. It is the players' only assurance that they'll get the ticket they paid for and receive their prize if it's a winner."

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Place: PCC Southeast Center  
Room 117  
2850 S.E. 82nd  
Portland, Oregon  
Time: 6:30 p.m.

Commission meetings are open to the public. A complete agenda is available at PDC or by calling 823-3200. Citizens with disabilities may call 823-3232 or TDD 823-6868 for assistance at least 48 hours in advance.

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