

Police News

Radical Women condemns arson at Lovejoy Surgicenter

Statement to the press by Jordana Sardo, Portland Radical Women Organizer

Radical Women condemns arson at the Lovejoy Surgicenter, a clinic where abortions are performed, in Portland, Oregon.

This arson is the latest escalation of international rightwing

campaign aimed at forcing women back into the home--if not legally through the courts, then illegally through blockades, bombings, murders and maimings of women, clinic defenders, staff, and abortion doctors.

The local morning television news reported that lovejoy and other clinics

that provide abortions, have been harassed with bomb threats since Saturday, May 17 by a caller identifying himself as a member of "the Militia."

But women will not be intimidated, and we won't quickly return to the days of back-alley butchers or forced motherhood.

Katz, Police to boost Chronic Nuisance Ordinance

Katz, Portland Police Propose Changes to Make Chronic Nuisance Ordinance More Effective

The City's Chronic Nuisance Ordinance has worked so well that Mayor Vera Katz and the Portland Police Bureau are proposing changes to make it even more effective. Katz and the Commissioners will consider merging the Specified Crime Ordinance into the current Chronic Nuisance Ordinance.

"The Chronic Nuisance Ordinance has enabled us to empower our citizens to help us shut down drug houses and get rid of problems that negatively impact their quality

of life," said Katz. "We gave our officers a tool to try to improve conditions in the neighborhoods and required them to come back and report whether they had success. By enacting this revised ordinance, we recognize their outstanding success in solving neighborhood problems in an informal and effective way."

Last summer, the City merged two separate ordinance to create the Chronic Nuisance Ordinance. That move broadened specific criminal behaviors that could be addressed--acts that affect neighborhood quality of life--and expanded the area for which a property owner is ac-

countable. Since that time, 103 properties have been flagged as possible chronic nuisances, and 73 of those have involved informal contacts where an officer spoke to the property owner and notified them of their problem. Out of those 73 cases, 63 were solved after that one contact.

Approval of the new ordinance would complete the consolidation of three similar and sometimes overlapping ordinances in to one, by folding in procedures for properties where a specific criminal activity was suspected at a chronic nuisance property.

Multnomah Child Abuse Team

On May 6, 1997, the Child Abuse Team received information that Mr. Grant sexually abused a 13 year old child at his place of residence.

It was learned that Mr. Grant met this child through a Portland metropolitan "talk" line.

After numerous telephone conversations, a trust relationship developed between Mr. Grant and the child.

Eventually, a meeting took place between Mr. Grant and the child.

Name: Vernon Neil
Description: Date of Birth Oct. 8, 1960, 6'03" height, 195lbs, black hair, blue eyes.

Charges: Rape 2 (5 counts--Bail at \$250,000), Sodomy 2 (10 counts--Bail at \$250,000), Sex Abuse 1 (15 counts--Bail at \$250,000), Unlawful Sexual Penetration 2 (2 counts--Bail at \$250,000). Total Bail: \$8,000,000
Date of arrest: May 7, 1997
Location of arrest: 2129 S.E. 10th Ave., Portland, OR

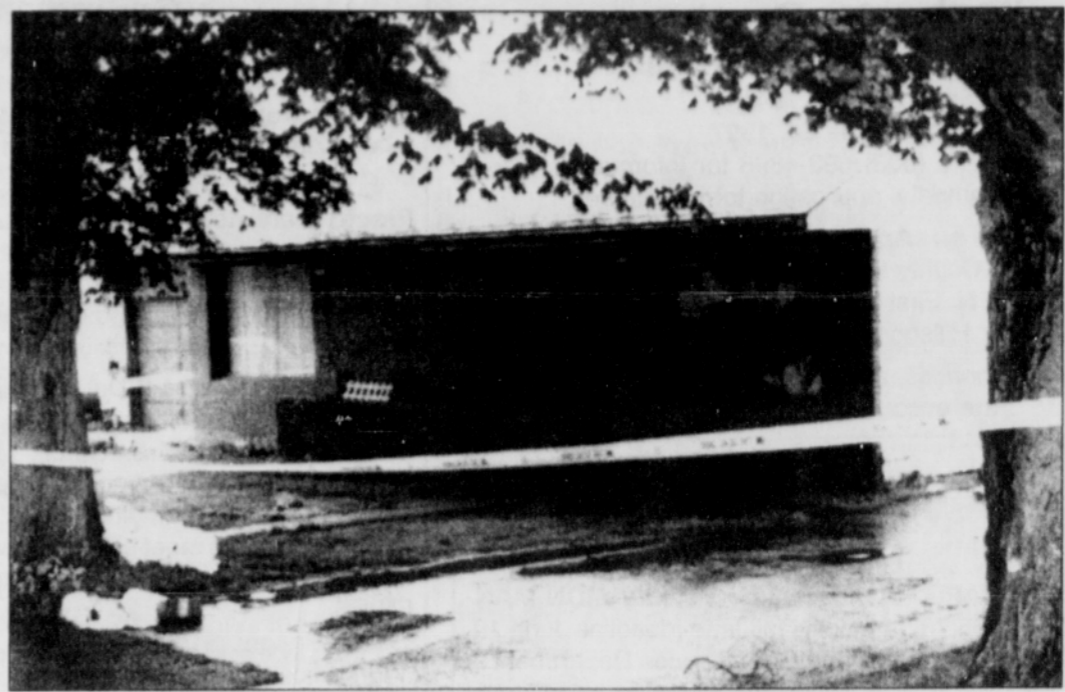
Mr. Grant took the child to his place of residence where he then sexually abused the child.

Subsequent investigation and a search warrant of Mr. Grant's residence resulted in the listed charges.

Mr. Grant was lodged at the Multnomah County Detention Center.

The Child Abuse Team asks anyone having contact with Mr. Grant where children are involved to please call 248-5249 and speak with an investigator.

Fire investigated as homicide



A duplex at 7320 N. Vancouver Ave. becomes a crime scene with the discovery of three burned bodies.

Photo by Mark Washington

On Tuesday, May 27, 1997, at approximately 5:00 a.m., Portland Fire Bureau members responded to 7320 N. Vancouver Ave. on the scene of a residential duplex fire.

Fire Bureau members discovered the badly burned bodies of the three residents of the location.

After initial review P.F.B. Arson investigators were called to the scene.

The bodies were primarily examined at the State Medical Examiners Office and all were discovered to have been shot.

Portland Police Homicide Detectives were called to the scene. This case is being investigated as a triple homicide.

A gun was located inside the duplex, but it is unknown if it was the

weapon used in the crime. No motives or suspects are known at this time.

Deceased are Michael D. Savage, white male, DOB 11-13-43, Alvera Savage, white female, DOB 04-13-47, and John Savage, white male, 10 years of age.

Anyone with information is asked to call Investigative-Sergeants D. Ruby or K. Farrell, at 823-0400.

Early morning homicide

On Wednesday, May 28, 1997, at approximately 3:30 a.m., Portland Police Officers were summoned to N. Albina Avenue and N. Webster Street on a "shots fired" call.

The callers stated they heard multiple shots fired and then the sound of a crashing car. Officers arrived to find multiple shell casings on the ground, but no subjects. A short time later a vehicle arrived at Emanuel Hospital containing two people. A female

passenger was dead on arrival, the male was suffering from gunshot wounds.

It appears that the victims vehicle was stopped on N. Albina Avenue, talking to someone, when the suspect(s) approached by vehicle from the opposite direction.

The suspect(s) proceeded to fire multiple rounds into the victims vehicle. The victims were driven to the hospital by a third party. Motives for

this shooting are not known at this time. No suspects have been identified.

Deceased is Wendy K. Lim, white female, DOB March 25, 1963. Shot and wounded was Harold D. Jones, black male, DOB March 5, 1951. Both are residents of North Portland.

Investigative-Sergeants K. Taylor and K. Perry are assigned to the case.

Law Enforcement and Corrections records merged

On Wednesday, May 28, the Law Enforcement Records unit located at the Hansen Building, 12240 NE Glisan, will merge with the Correction's Record unit.

The new unit will be located in room 209 of the Justice Center. The public information number for this new unit will be 248-3689.

The consolidation of these two functions will save over \$500,000 annually. In addition, the Sheriff's

Office will begin using PPDS (Portland Police Data System) which will provide data consistency between law enforcement and corrections agencies in the area.

According to Commander Jackie Jamieson, "This move will provide more efficient, cost-effective services to the citizens of Multnomah County."

It will allow agencies throughout the area to share information as well as reduce duplication of

data entry. This is in everyone's best interest."

As a result of this move, the Hansen Building at 12240 NE Glisan, will no longer have 24 hour public access.

Office hours will be 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. A phone with a direct line to 911 will be located near the entrance of the Hansen Building for citizens needing emergency assistance.

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