

POLICE NEWS

Moose Rejects Council

Portland Police Chief Moose has overturned a recommendation made by a majority of City Council with regards to a specific act of police misconduct. This is the second time he has done this in three months.

In this case (#96-18), off-duty officer Donald Speranza wrote a police report about his teenage neighbors making noise late at night recommending that Child Services Division get involved. The boys' father filed a complaint against Speranza that made its way to City Council. Most Council members expressed outrage that Speranza overstepped his bounds by writing a police report in a personal matter.

The vote was 4-1 to recommend that the complaint be sustained. However, Chief Moose refused to sustain the complaint.

Portland Copwatch sees this as clear evidence that something is wrong with our police review system in Portland.

If an 80% vote by Council has no meaning, it call to question the entire police review process. It will be very difficult to recruit people to participate in the thirteen-member citizen advisory



Chief Charles Moose

board to PIIAC (the Police Internal Investigations Auditing Committee) if their hard work can be so easily dismissed.

To understand how the Police Chief came to make the final decision, it may help to look at the police review process:

Officer Speranza's neighbor filed a complaint with Internal Affairs (IAD). They investigated the matter and found Speranza guilty of misconduct.

The Police Bureau's "Review

Level Committee" changed the IAD finding to "Unfounded". On appeal to PIIAC, the case was sent back for further investigation. When the police returned again with a finding of "Unfounded", the Citizen Advisors brought the case to City Council asking the finding be changed to "Sustained".

On day 69--more than a week late by City Charter--he issued a finding of "Unfounded".

In July, City Commissioners learned that their vote in case #96-22 regarding a woman who was dragged across a driveway by police officers, had also been rejected by the Chief.

At that time, Commissioners indicated that they would speak with the Chief, the Police Association and the City Attorney about changing City Code to make the Council's decisions final.

Portland Copwatch strongly urges Council to act quickly in this matter before more cases fall through the cracks.

We now have two civilians who believed their elected officials had righted a wrong done to them by city employees, yet learned that an appointed administrator had the final word.

Man Shot and Killed After Gambling Dispute

At approximately 10:00 PM, Sunday, October 5, 1997, two men were shot inside of a house where after-hours gambling activities were being held. The 71-year-old resident of the house was shot and killed after a black male, approximately 18 to 22 years of age shot him several times in the upper torso. A second

man was also shot and wounded as a result of the altercation.

It is believed that the suspect had been inside the location gambling when he became upset over events and attempted to regain his lost monies. He allegedly pulled a gun, and when confronted fired several rounds at the victims. The suspect fled from

the location on foot.

The 71-year-old victim, identified as Phillip Robinson, died at Emanuel Hospital of his wounds. Howard Lee Hall, 60-years, was wounded in the leg, treated and released at the scene.

Investigative Sergeants W. Svilar and K. Krohn are the investigators.

Two Men Shot Inside Of Restaurant

At approximately 10:15 pm, Sunday, October 5, 1997, two men were shot inside of Catalina's Mexican Restaurant. One of the men died as a result of the shooting.

At least three men became involved in an argument while dining inside of the restaurant. The suspect and victim exchanged heated words

and a gun was pulled. Both victims were shot inside of the location. One man was slightly wounded in the upper torso, he was treated and released at the scene. The second man ran from the location, crossing Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard and succumbing to his injuries in the alley behind the 5700 block of NE Garfield Avenue. He

was dead at the scene.

Two suspects were later located and arrested inside of a vehicle in the 5500 block of NE 9th Avenue. Names and charges are not available at this time.

Investigative Sergeants K. Taylor and D. Wentlandt are the investigators.

Man Struck By Police Car

Friday morning, October 3, 1997, a SE Portland man was struck by a Portland Police uniform patrol car after the man ran onto NE Sandy Blvd. in front of the officer's moving vehicle.

At approximately 12:30 a.m., SE Precinct Officer Erick Kammerer was

driving eastbound on NE Sandy Blvd. near NE 37th Avenue. He was traveling about 35 mph, when Mark S. Meddaugh and a friend, leaving Galway's Pub, ran across NE Sandy Blvd. The friend said he was giving Meddaugh a ride, and the two men

were en route to his car. They both ran northbound from the pub across the four lane street. At about mid-street Meddaugh was struck.

Officer Kammerer was in the area responding to a series of robberies occurring on Sandy Blvd.

Observing Vancouver

Haunting Experiences Planned For Ghost Stories on Officers Row

Ghost Stories on Officers Row, scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 25, from 5 to 9 p.m., is an opportunity to view the work of a thriving arts and heritage community at its ghoulish best. This community and family-oriented event features dramatic vignettes based on ghostly stories told down through

the ages. Watch for special appearances by Amelia Earhart and Eleanor Roosevelt. Other features include a vintage plane, historic fire truck and more. Scenes run continuously and audience members go at their own pace, selecting the scenes they want to see.

The event will deliver the sizable talents of a newly thriving theater community featuring Heartland Productions, Blue Parrot, Masque & Mirror, ACME and the City of Vancouver Heritage Program volunteers performing as the heritage Players. Haunting experiences include a historic and ghostly wedding, tragedy of love lost, jealous ghosts and the reflections by General O.O. Howard and Chief Joseph. Return to World War II as you visit the USO tent adjacent to the Grant House. Have a doughnut, a cup of Joe or hot chocolate and experience a touch of comic relief at the USO show.

Ghost Stories on Officers Row is in

conjunction with Arts Crawl - it's a partnership of the City of Vancouver, Columbia Arts Center and Grant House Folk Art Center. The events showcase some of Vancouver's greatest assets - a vital and growing theater community, talented visual artists and continuing strong interest and emphasis on heritage and historical resources.

Ghost Stories hours are 5 to 9 p.m. Admission is \$5 adults, \$3 for children 12 and under and seniors. All proceeds benefit arts and heritage programs in the community. Advance tickets are available October 3 at Ticketmaster, the Columbia Arts Center, Grant House Folk Art Center, Marshall House and all Northwest National Banks. A limited number of tickets will be available at the events. Ghost Stories will be on Officers Row. Take Interstate 5 to the City Center exit and follow the signs. The location is just 10 minutes from downtown Portland, Oregon.

Teens Set to Plant 200 Trees

On Saturday, Oct. 18, from 1 to 3 p.m., the Teen Tree Stewards of Vancouver will plant 200 trees at Headache Creek (located north of Bagley Community Center and Eleanor Roosevelt Elementary School).

The tree planting event is part

of a ten-week urban forestry course for teen sponsored by the Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation Teen Program.

To learn more about the Teen Tree Steward Program Vancouver's Teen Center at 696-8558.

Kids To Learn Soccer Power

Girls and Boys ages four to ten can sign up now for a Soccer Power class. Children will be grouped according to skill, age and size. The class is designed to deliver a positive learning experience while developing maneuvering skills, learning rules and

taking turns playing goalie.

Class meets at Bagley Center, 4100 Plomondon, on Saturday Oct. 4 to Oct. 25, from 12:45 to 1:45pm. Cost is \$16 (\$14 city resident). Call Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation, (60) 696-8006, for more details.

Dancing and Stamping Fun For Adults

The Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation Department is offering two new fall classes to entertain adults.

Ballroom Basics: Wednesdays Oct. 8 to Nov. 5, at Bagley Center, 4100 Plomondon

Fox Trot and Waltz from 7 to 8pm
Rhumba and Cha Cha from 8 to 9pm

Swing dance and Jitterbug from 9 to 10pm

Cost for the class is \$27 (\$20 city resident).

Rubber Stamp Art: Thursdays at Bagley Center, 4100 Plomondon Thanksgiving cards, October 9 to 23, 6:30 to 9pm

Christmas cards, Nov. 13 to Dec. 4, 6:30 to 9pm
cost for the class is \$35 (\$29 city resident).

Call Connie Irwin, (360) 696-8218, for more details.

Downtown Meeting Slated For Redevelopment

Vancouver's Downtown Redevelopment Authority has set a special meeting Thursday, Oct. 16, at 11:30am at City Hall Council Chambers, 210 E. 13th St. The purpose of the meeting is to share information on upcoming

plans for the Ester Short Park area.

Interested people are encouraged to attend.

For further details contact Steve Burdick, the city's Economic Development director, at (360) 735-8872.

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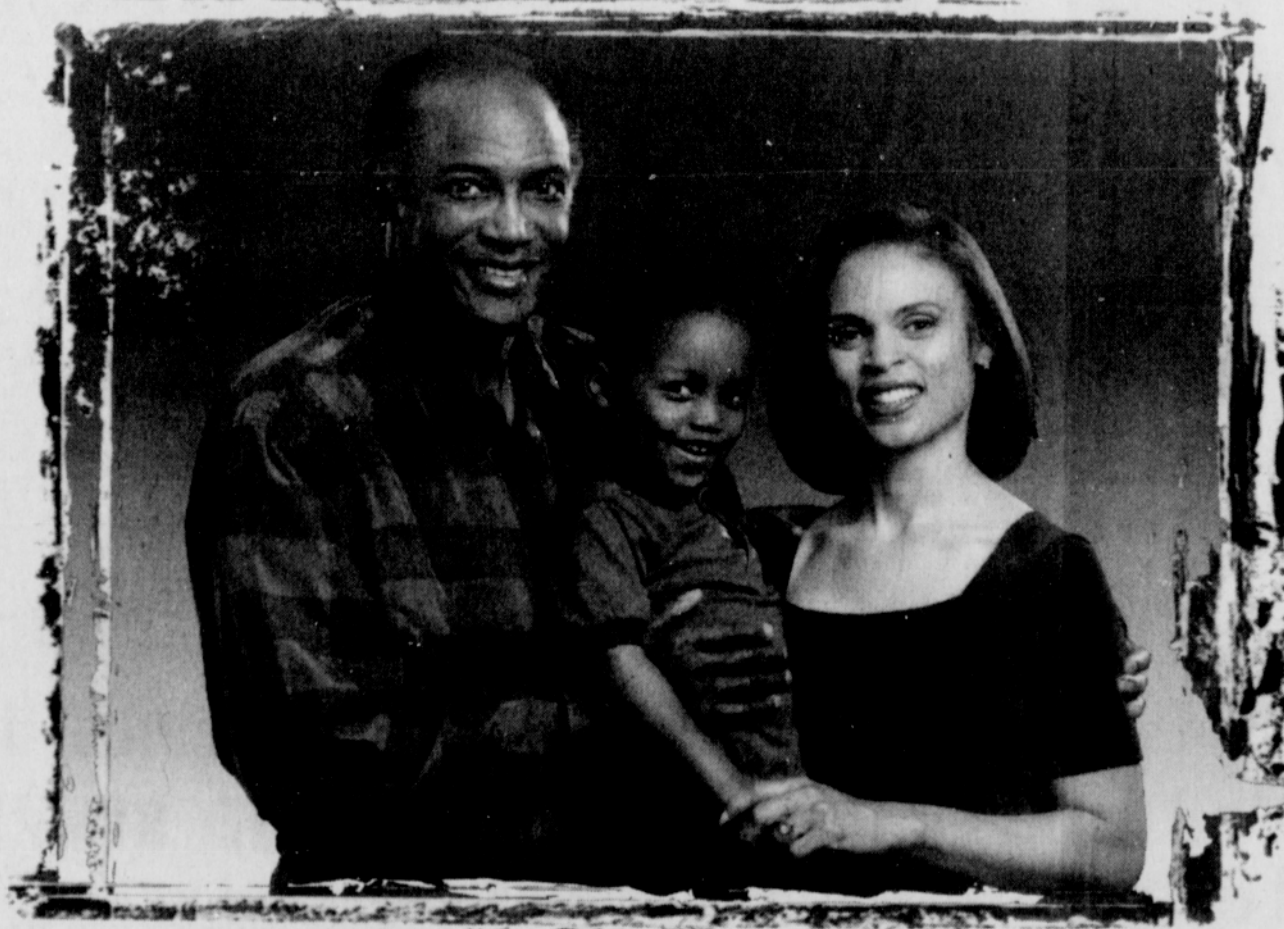
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