

# POLICE NEWS

## Subject Arrested in Connection With Explosion

Portland Police Bureau and Portland Fire Bureau arson investigators have arrested and charged 41-year-old Ernest Richard Ball II, in connection with an explosion at approximately 1:15 this morning, that damaged a car and the residence at 823 NE 29th Avenue.

Ernest Richard Ball II, who owns Rose City Entertainment, Inc., 2830 NE Sandy Boulevard, was taken into custody at his

place of business at approximately 2:30 Oct. 15, by uniform officers and arson investigators.

Ball, who listed a Gladstone, Oregon home address, was transported to the Portland Police Bureau's Detective Division where he was interviewed and charged with; four counts of First Degree Arson, one count of Possession of a Destructive Device, and one count of First Degree Criminal Mischief. Ball was lodged in the Justice Center Jail with bail set at

\$210,000.

The address where the explosion occurred, 823 NE 29th Avenue, is reportedly owned by Ernest Richard Ball II.

The vehicle that was damaged, a 1969 Pontiac GTO, reportedly belongs to the father of a 34-year-old man who was recently fired by Ball from Rose City Entertainment, Inc.

The motive for the explosion appears to be a dispute between

Ball and the 34-year-old man.

A photo of Ernest Richard Ball II, will be available at the Portland Police Bureau's Identification Division, on the 12 floor of the Justice Center, as soon as he is processed into the Multnomah County Detention Center.

The investigation is continuing. Arson investigators are Sergeant Bill Law of the Portland Police Bureau and Inspector Jerry Butler of the Portland Fire Bureau.

## Arrest Made in Freeway Shooting

Portland Police Detectives have charged a Fountain Valley, California man in the shooting of two teenagers on I-84, last Wednesday evening.

Lawrence Leon Wear, white male, DOB 09-18-65, has been charged with two counts of Assault II, and lodged into the Justice Center Jail. His arraignment

is scheduled for tomorrow afternoon.

Detectives were able to identify the semi-truck trailer plate as California 1VR2033.

The trailer belonged to "CFL" (Certified Freight Line, Inc.) Trucking of Arroyo Grande, California.

The trucking company told in-

vestigators that the trailer had been rented to Bayside Transport owner-operator Lawrence Wear.

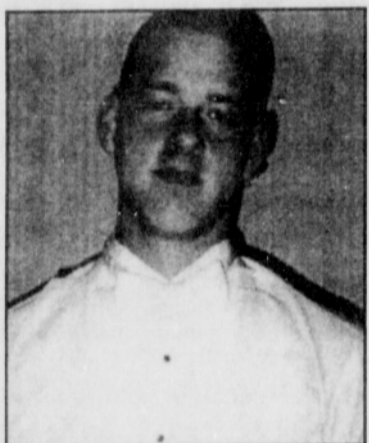
Wear, who officially gives a Fountain Valley, California address was believed to be in the Wenatchee, Washington area. Detectives were able to contact him regarding the investigation.

A 9mm semiautomatic handgun has been seized as evidence in the shooting.

Wear, accompanied by his attorney, turned himself into Portland Police Detectives in the afternoon of Oct. 8th.

Detectives B. Renna and B. Gross want to thank the public for its input in the investigation.

## H o m i c i d e



Portland Police Bureau Detectives, in cooperation with Crime Stoppers, are asking for your help in solving a homicide.

On Saturday, August 9th, 1997, at about 10:20 in the evening, three car loads of young people from Clackamas County, were on their way to a party.

The cars pulled into the parking lot of the AM-PM Mini-Market at SE Milwaukie and Powell. Shortly thereafter an argument ensued with the occupants of two

other cars, described as a red 80's vintage Toyota Celica and a white sedan. According to witnesses, the cars were occupied by young Asian males.

The confrontation turned physical, and gunshots were fired into the crowd from a passenger who stepped out of the white car.

Dead at the scene from an apparent gunshot wound was 18-year-old Joshua Brewer of Oregon City.

Three other victims, includ-

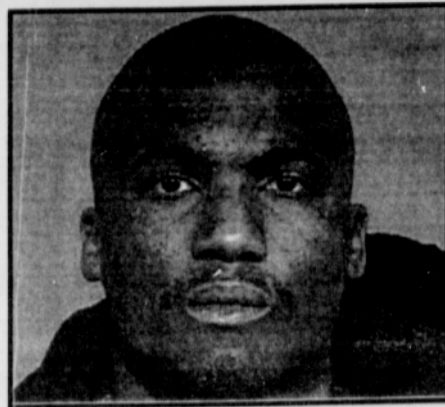
ing a 15-year-old bystander, suffered non-fatal gunshot wounds.

Investigators believe the shooting may have been gang related.

Crime Stoppers if offering a cash reward of up to \$1,000 for information, reported to Crime Stoppers, which leads to an arrest in this case or any unsolved felony crime, and you do not have to give your name.

Call Crime Stoppers at (503) 823-HELP.

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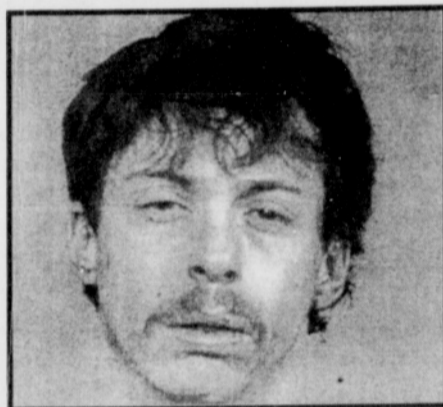


Portland Police Bureau Homicide Detectives in cooperation with Crime Stoppers, are asking for your help in locating and apprehending Bryant Wayne Howard.

An arrest warrant is on file charging Howard with Murder and Felony Possession of a Firearm. The charge stems from an incident which occurred on Saturday, August 23, 1997. Investigators believe Howard was attending a party at a residence in the 7400 block of North Fenwick Avenue, when he shot and killed 21-

year-old Kevin Jerome Powell.

Bryant Wayne Howard is described as a 22-year-old black male, with a date of birth January 1, 1975. Howard is 5'8 tall, weighing 160 pounds with brown eyes. Although he has a shaved head, Howard may be attempting to disguise his appearance by wearing a wig. Howard has a long history of gang involvement, and has numerous tattoos including the letters "BK" under his left eye, "CK" under his right eye, and his street name "Stitches" on the right side of his neck.



The Portland Police Bureau, in cooperation with Crime Stoppers, is asking for your help in locating and apprehending Brian Scott Richart.

A felony arrest warrant is on file in Multnomah County, charging Richart with Unlawful Possession of a Firearm. An additional warrant has been issued for Failure to Appear on a Contempt charge. Investigators also wish to speak with Richart regarding a series of burglaries in Southeast Portland.

Brian Scott Richart is a 30-year-old white male, with a date of birth of October 12, 1966. He is described as 5'11" tall, weighing 185 pounds, with reddish brown hair and brown eyes.

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## Update: Arrest In Homicide

3741 NE Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard

On Friday, October 17, 1997, at approximately 1:00 in the afternoon, in the area of NE 9th Avenue and NE Jarrett Street, Detectives and Northeast Precinct Uniform Officers, along with Officers from the Gang Enforcement Team, located and arrested 20-year-old Troy Latrell Ramsey in connection with the October 5, 1997, shooting death of 71-year-old Phillip

Robinson at an after house gambling location. Robinson was shot when he apparently interrupted a robbery.

Troy Latrell Ramsey, who was taken into custody without incident, was lodged without bail in the Justice Center Jail on charges of Aggravated Murder, Murder, and First Degree Robbery.

Investigation is continuing.

## Update: Officers Who Fired At Robbery Suspects

3216 NE Lombard Street

The officers, both assigned to Northeast Precinct, are 37-year-old Kenneth R. Ellison, who has been with the Portland Police Bureau four-and-one-half years,

and 34-year-old Jerome L. Russick, who has been with the Portland Police Bureau five years.

The investigation is continuing.

## Drug Warrant

3802 SW Ericwood Lane

On Saturday, October 18, 1997, at approximately 7:25 in the morning, officers from the Portland Police Bureau's Drug and Vice Division served a warrant at 3802 SW Ericwood Lane. Taken into custody were 22-year-old Paul Gene Clunie and 21-year-old Jesse Wade Salsedo.

Seized at the location was approximately \$87,000 in cash, 20 pounds of marijuana, and three vehicles, plus numerous stolen property items and guns.

Clunie and Salsedo, who had no

visible means of support, were reportedly renting the very large house at 3802 SW Ericwood, which they listed as their residence.

According to investigators, large amounts of marijuana were transported into Oregon from Canada.

Paul Gene Clunie and Jesse Wade Salsedo were both charged with Possession of a Controlled Substance, and Distribution of a Controlled Substance, and lodged in the Justice Center Jail with bail set at \$70,000 each.

The investigation is continuing.

## Police Agency Auction

From Multnomah--Clackamas & Washington Counties Police and Sheriff Department Property disposal

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Submitted by Ted Clausen Auction unit Mgr. Phone 503/251-2547 Fax 253-2663.

# Observing Vancouver

## Proposal spurs competition

Vancouver's Downtown Redevelopment Authority (DRA) has received a proposal from Hotel Development Corp. (West Coast Hotels) to develop a hotel, arena and convention center in downtown Vancouver. "This proposal affirms the viability and rich potential of Vancouver's city center," says Steve Burdick, the city's economic development director.

In an effort to give other quali-

fied developers an opportunity to openly compete for such a significant project, the DRA will ask the Vancouver City Council on Oct. 20 to release a Request for Proposals (RFP) for alternative development plans. The DRA board has determined that a competitive process is necessary to proceed with such an important project and Hotel Development Group has been invited to formally submit its proposal. There

are no existing commitments or obligations on the part of the city, any developer or any private property owners with regard to this project proposal.

Burdick notes that proposals, which are due Nov. 26, must show revenue projections that will be sufficient to support public debt service and operating costs. The revenue projections may include some new hotel/motel tax revenues and revenues from the Urban Stabiliza-

tion Act if that act is passed in the 1998 state legislature. Revenue projections and cost estimates are not available. Proposals must include: A hotel with a minimum of 150 rooms of either three-or-four-star quality. An arena which can accommodate professional and semi-pro sporting events, exhibits and entertainment, and convention and exhibit space that can accommodate at least 1,500 people and exhibit/trade shows.

## Forum bring residents, city council together

Vancouver residents will meet informally with the mayor, city council and city manager at a citizen's forum on Monday, Oct. 27, at 7 p.m. at the Smith Tower recreation room, 515 Washington St.

The Esther Short Neighborhood Association will host the forum. The purpose of the forum is to stimulate open dialogue between citizens and city officials in a relaxed, casual format. It is a chance to meet

and discuss ideas and concerns with elected officials and city staff.

The Vancouver City Council conducts citizen forums four times each year. Residents are also encouraged to voice con-

cerns during the citizen comment period at council meetings on the first and third Monday of each month, or to call, write or e-mail comments to [vancmo@ci.vancouver.wa.us](mailto:vancmo@ci.vancouver.wa.us).

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