

POLICE NEWS

Kidnap/Sexual Assault

Portland Police Bureau investigators, in cooperation with Crime Stoppers, are asking for your help in identifying and apprehending the suspect responsible for Kidnapping and Assaulting two you women.

On Tuesday, November 11, 1997, at about 10:00 in the evening, two 17-year-old girls were walking westbound on NE Siskiyou Street from 82nd Avenue, when they were confronted by a man armed with a semi-automatic handgun. The two were forced into the park next to Madison High School where they were sexually assaulted.

The suspect is described as a white male in his 30's 5'9" tall,



weighing over 200 pounds with sandy blonde hair. He is described as having a large flabby stomach, a

possible wound on his upper left thigh, and stubby hands with large fingers. At the time of the assault, he was wearing a black stocking hat, dark blue T-shirt, black sweat pants, black and white athletic shoes, and a black jacket with an orange emblem with writing across the front resembling a sunset.

Crime Stoppers is 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.

Robbery in NE

Portland Police Bureau investigators, in cooperation with Crime Stoppers, are asking for your help in identifying and apprehending three suspects responsible for a robbery.

On Tuesday, March 24, 1998, at about eight o'clock in the evening, three individuals were riding in a car and had just pulled into the driveway of a house in the 700 block of Northeast Church Street. Two suspects, one of which was armed with a handgun, approached the car and ordered everyone out. After being joined by a third person, the robbers searched the car and occupants taking money and a wallet. During the encounter, they claimed to be gang members, and

the suspect armed with the gun threatened to shoot one of the victims. The robbers fled the scene in what may have been a beige or tan mid-size American-made sedan with a sloping back end.

Suspect #1 is described as a black male with a dark complexion, 20 to 25 years of age, 6'0" tall, weighing 180 to 200 pounds with black braided hair, brown eyes and a goatee. At the time he was wearing a black or blue hooded sweatshirt and black pants.

Suspect #2 is described as a black male with a dark complexion, 18 to 20 years of age, 5'8" to 5'9" tall, weighing 160 to 170 pounds with black hair, brown eyes and a mustache. He was wearing a tan camouflage top and black pants.

Suspect #3 is described as a black male, 20 to 25 years of age, 6'0" to 6'2" tall, with black hair worn in a medium Afro and brown eyes. At the time he was wearing a black sweatshirt.

Investigators believe the same individuals may also be responsible for a similar robbery that occurred a short while later in the 5300 block of North Borthwick Avenue.

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Two Hour Pursuit With A Man In A Stolen Van

On April 2, 1998 at about 12:10a.m. The Multnomah County Sheriff's Office arrested a man after he lead police from several jurisdictions on a pursuit for approximately two hours in a stolen van.

The man identified as Jason Craig Gomsrud, (Date of Birth December 30, 1969); was observed leaving a known drug house at approximately 10:00 p.m. on April 1, 1998, in N.E. Portland, driving a white mini van. Police Bureau Officers found that the van was stolen and attempted to stop it. Mr. Gomsrud did not comply and led the officers through residential neighborhoods toward I-84.

The Portland Officers terminated the pursuit shortly into it and Mr. Gomsrud drove onto Interstate 84 east bound where he was eventually located by Troutdale Police who attempted to stop him until he entered into unincorporated East Multnomah County.

Multnomah County Sheriff's Deputies continued the pursuit through rural areas of the county including Springdale and areas of the Scenic Highway on into Clackamas County. Eventually Mr. Gomsrud drove onto Marsh Rd. Sheriff's Deputies used tack strips to puncture the suspects tires and he

eventually crashed into a residence at the end of Marsh Rd. Mr. Gomsrud fled on foot from the vehicle and jumped into the Sandy River. Offices pursued to the shoreline where they observed Mr. Gomsrud attempt to cross the swiftly moving current. He apparently decided not to attempt a crossing and returned to a rock in the water near the shoreline.

Officers from several jurisdictions arrived and assisted in a perimeter and eventually MCSO Deputies talked Mr. Gomsrud into surrendering at about 12:10 a.m. on April 2, 1998.

Homicide Victim Identified

The victim of the homicide in Springdale, found Tuesday (3/24/98) morning, has been tentatively identified. The victim is

believed to be Marco Antonio Lopez. The Multnomah County Sheriff's Office is requesting that anyone who may have seen Mr.

Lopez after 8:00 pm on 3-23-98 call with any information they may have. Persons have information can call 251-2409.

UPDATE: HOMICIDE INVESTIGATION

(Area of SE 8th Avenue/SE Ankeny Street) The deceased has been identified as 24-year-old Odie Moffett Jr., whose most current address is unknown.

Investigators have not released the identities of the two other male subjects who were in the vehicle with Moffett.

Anyone with information regard-

ing this homicide investigation is asked to call Detective Sergeants Derek Anderson and Robert Heimbach at (503) 823-0400.

The investigation is continuing

SUICIDE ATTEMPT IN THE COLUMBIA RIVER

At approximately 12:22 pm, April 9th, Multnomah County Sheriff's Office River Patrol members were called to the Interstate Bridge (I-5) area of the Columbia River on a man in the water call. Deputies found that a man, later identified as Perry J. Horley of Vancouver, WA, had jumped from the bridge into the Columbia apparently trying to commit suicide. When River patrol Deputies arrived they found a second man in the

Columbia trying to get to Mr. Horley to save him. Sheriff's River patrol crewmembers from patrol boat #3 were able to rescue Mr. Horley and the second man, (identified as Gary Buster Johns, of Coos Bay, Oregon) by pulling them from the Columbia into their patrol boat.

Mr. Horley was transported to Emanuel hospital by medical personnel and is being treated for hypothermia. Deputies say that Mr. Horley was seen jumping into the

water by passers by on the bridge. Sheriff's Deputies also said that without Mr. Johns they would not have reached Mr. Horley as quickly as they did and credit Mr. Johns for directing them to Mr. Horley's location and saving him.

Mr. Johns was at the Double Tree Inn having lunch when he saw Mr. Horley in the water. He is from Coos Bay and in Portland visiting family for Easter weekend.

FEE REDUCED ON "TOUGHLOVE FOR OLDER PARENTS" CLASS IN VANCOUVER

The fee for the "Toughlove for Older Parents" class has been reduced from \$90 to \$30.

The self-help program teaches older parents how to cope with adult children who fail to achieve independence and for parents troubled by their grown children's behavior.

Class meets at Luepke Center, 1009 E. McLoughlin Blvd. in

Vancouver, Fridays, starting March 27 to May 1, from 1 to 3:30 pm.

Toughlove is a combinations of philosophy and action which helps people change and get control of their lives.

The class will be presented by BJ and Bob Pelayo, Toughlove representatives who joined the organization when their families were

in crisis. They used the process to make changes in their own lives and received special training to teach workshops on how to make positive changes in families.

Call (206) 750-6779 for more details or to register.

The class is co-sponsored by Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation Department Senior Programs.

Observing

City Employees to Observe Bring Your Daughter/Son to Work Day

City of Vancouver employees, along with millions of parents across the country, are planning to bring their daughters and sons to work for an educational day as part of the national Bring Our Daughters to Work Day. On Thursday, April 23, daughters will be observing their parents as they work. The

Ms. Foundation for Women designed the National Bring Our Daughters to Work Day to ensure girls remain confident, strong and in school throughout their teen years. On Thursday, April 30, sons are invited to participate.

Activities planned by the City of Vancouver include a presenta-

tion by City Manager Vernon E. Stoner and Karen Haines, director of the Community Development Department. They will discuss the challenges and rewards of being a leader in the public sector. A tour of city facilities will follow. The event is designed for daughters and sons ages 9 to 15.

SIGN UP FOR OFFICERS ROW TOUR GUIDE TRAINING THIS SATURDAY

Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer docent (guide) on Officers Row is invited to attend a free training this Saturday, April 11, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Grant House. The training will take place in the second floor banquet room. Bring a sack lunch. Beverages and

cookies will be provided.

Volunteer docents are expected to provide free hour-long tours of Officers Row. Volunteers can lead as many or as few tours as they choose. "It's all based on the amount of time they can share," says Pam Brokaw, cultural coordinator in the city's

Heritage Program. Docents also assist with community special events such as Heritage Week-end and the Fourth of July.

To sign up for the training, call Pam Brokaw at 696-8297. Trainees will receive a binder of information called "What Every Docent Should Know."

Sports Classes Available For Many Ages

The Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation Department has sports classes for athletes of all ages.

The All Out Football Co-Ed League combines football, soccer, hockey and rugby. The offensive goal is to avoid the defenders and move the ball around the field into the scoring zones. Meeting/practice will be Saturday, May 16, at 9 a.m. at Memory Field (behind Ft. Vancouver Library on Mill Plain Boulevard). Games begin on May 30. Eight weeks. Cost \$30/\$24 city resident.

The Men's Basketball League plays games one night per week on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Sunday, April 27, for seven games. Team fee is \$175, player fee is \$30/24 city resident. Register at Bagley Center, 4100 Plomondon.

Toddler Sports for Kids ages 2 to 3, includes throwing, kicking passing and catching skills. Nerf and modified sports equipment will be used. One parent must participate. Awards are given to all. Sessions

meet Thursdays, from 9:30 to 10:10 a.m., at Bagley Center. The first session is April 23 to May 7; second session is May 14 to 28; the third session is June 4 to 18. Cost per session is \$14/\$11 city resident.

Basketball class for boys and girls ages six to 10 will meet Wednesday from 6 to 7:30 p.m., for four weeks. Learn new drills and improve basic basketball skills. Class starts April 22 at Franklin Elementary School, 5206 Franklin Street. Cost is \$28/\$23 city resident.



Achievement starts here. And now.

At the National Urban League, we have adopted the slogan *Our Children = Our Destiny* because the future of the African-American community depends heavily on our youth. We welcome our good neighbor at State Farm Insurance Companies in recognizing that **Achievement Matters** as part of our *Campaign for African-American Achievement*.



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