

Crime and Justice

School Gun Bill Right On Target

Senators Ron Wyden (D) and Gordon Smith (R) of Oregon have introduced a bill encouraging states to pass legislation mandating detention for any student found to be in possession of a firearm on school premises in violation of federal or state law. S. 2169 would require a period of observation of not more than 72 hours to allow for psychological evaluation and a judicial determination regarding the student's potential danger to himself or others. States which pass such legislation would receive a 25% increase in federal funding under the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974. "This approach is one we strongly support," stated Alan

Gottlieb, chairman of the Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms (CCRKBA). "Incidents such as the Springfield, Oregon, shooting are rarely as spontaneous as they appear. Kip Kinkel had been sending signals for a long time: to his peers, to his teachers, to his parents, signals that something was going dreadfully wrong in his life. No one read the signals correctly. S. 2169 will ensure that the appropriate professionals are given the opportunity to intervene before a tragedy occurs."

President Clinton recently directed Education Secretary Richard Riley and Attorney General Janet Reno to develop an "early warning guide" to be distributed to school and other public officials to

assist in identifying the "danger signs" that troubled youth frequently send. These signs can be verbal or behavioral. Clinton has also endorsed the Wyden/Smith bill.

"The knee jerk reaction to impose more gun controls in the wake of these incidents fails to address the underlying problem," Gottlieb observed. "While giving the appearance of doing something, gun control is a band-aid approach to a potentially serious hemorrhage. This legislation goes right to the source of the problem and focuses on preventive intervention at the right point and the right time."

"It is encouraging to see an effective, bi-partisan approach to the real problem, one that avoids the divi-

sive and polarizing issue of gun control," said Joe Waldron, Executive Director of CCRKBA. "The more we can channel our energy into cooperative efforts such as this, the better it is for gun owners and non-gun owners alike."

With more than 650,000 members and supporters nationwide, the Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms (CCRKBA) is one of the nation's premiere gun rights organizations. As a non-profit organization, the Committee is dedicated to preserving firearms freedoms through active lobbying of elected officials and facilitating grass-roots organization of gun rights activists in local communities throughout the United States.

Oregon to Receive New Funds to Hire Cops

President Clinton announced \$27 million in grants to be released to local and state law enforcement agencies to hire 400 new police officers.

The 1994 Crime Act created the Community Oriented Policing Services Program (COPS), which has helped fund the hiring of over 76,000 police officers. Since that time, violent crime rates have dropped by more than 15% and murders are down by more than 25%.

The grant money will go to 35 states and territories including: Alabama, Arkansas, Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Iowa, Illinois, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Mississippi, North Carolina, North Dakota, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, Washington, Wisconsin, West Virginia, Wyoming.

The President also signed two bills, the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Act, and the Care for Police Survivors Act. The Bulletproof Vest Partnership

Grant Act provides federal matching grants to help states and localities purchase bulletproof vests. The Care for Police Survivors Act guarantees funding for counseling programs that assist the families of public safety officers killed in the line of duty.

In addition, President Clinton called on the Attorney General and the Secretary of Education to develop a plan to provide community-based police officers to all interested schools.

"The President and the Democrats are leading the charge to make our streets and our schools safer," said Democratic National Committee (DNC) General Chair Governor Roy Romer. "Police officers will have the resources they need, and their families will receive the help they need in the event of a tragedy."

"The bills signed show that the President and the Democrats in Congress are serious about protecting our communities and protecting our police officers," said DNC National Chair Steve Grossman. "Their strong leadership has made our homes and our people more secure."

19-Year-Old Killed In Motel Shooting 3800 NE Sandy Blvd.

A 19-year-old Tacoma, Washington man was shot and killed and a 19-year-old Tacoma, Washington woman is recovering from gunshot wounds after an early morning incident.

At 4:28 a.m., Wednesday, June 17, 1998, Portland Police were called to the Rodeway Motel in connection with a man having been shot in room #128. Police

arrived to discover a 19-year-old black male dead apparently from a gunshot injury to the head. Also, shot during the incident was a 19-year-old black female. She was the victim of a gunshot wound to the rear torso and has been transported to a local hospital for treatment. Both victims were apparently shot while inside the motel room.

It is believed that an argument occurred in the parking lot area of the motel between the two victims and at least one other. The argument culminated with the victims going back to the motel room. It is unclear whether the shooter was inside or outside of the motel room when the shots were fired. The victims were injured by rounds fired from a semi-

automatic firearm. Witnesses stated having seen two to four subjects leave the scene in what has been described as a light blue large American-made automobile.

The victim names are being withheld pending family notifications. Investigative Sergeants R. Heinbach and B. Renna are assigned the case.

Portland Police Bureau Names New PIO

On Monday, June 29, 1998, Detective-Sergeant Cheryl Kanzler, assumed the duties as the Public Information Officer (PIO) for the Portland Police Bureau. Cheryl Kanzler, a 18-year veteran of the Bureau left her duties as a Homicide Detective to take over the responsibilities.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my friends with the Portland Police Bureau, Bureau of Emergency Communications, and the Law Enforcement community for making a difficult job much easier. The continual advances and elec-

tronic growth made by both Law Enforcement and the Media have presented challenges to both sides. Although many hurdles have been met and cleared, continual efforts must be maintained to elevate the openness, trust and information sharing we all desire. To the profession-

alism demonstrated by the lion's share of the media representatives I have worked with, thank you and I hope to see you around.

I will continue with PIO duties until July 6, 1998. At that time I will assume duties in the Detective Division

Found Body

The Tigard Police Department, in cooperation with Crime Stoppers, is asking for your help in determining the identity and cause of death of an infant.

On Saturday, April 18, 1998, at about 12:30 in the afternoon, three young children found the body of an infant while playing in a wetland area in Tigard. The body was discovered in a swampy area behind a building materials business in the

8100 block of SW Hunziker Street. Highway 217 borders the location on the other side.

The infant was found in a pillowcase tied shut with a cotton cord. The body was wrapped in a maroon, extra large, full-length sleeveless dress, a towel and several garbage bags. The bundle was weighed down by a piece of cinder block, broken brick and a rock.

The body was that of a male of

unknown race, and may have been at the location for as long as two or three months. An autopsy indicates the infant may have been a newborn.

Crime Stoppers is offering a cash reward of up to \$1,000 for information, reported to Crime Stoppers, that leads to a resolution in this case, or arrest in any unsolved felony crime, and you do not have to give your name. Call Crime Stoppers at (503) 823-HELP.

Homicide Victim Identified

3800 Block/NE 102nd Avenue

The victim of Sunday morning June 21, 1998 homicide has been identified as 29-year-old (Date of Birth Feb. 08, 1969) Tri Duong of Southeast Portland.

Duong was stabbed to death after an argument with another Vietnamese male at a gathering

of friends and acquaintances.

The suspect is named Viet Tri Ngo.

Ngo is believed to be connected with a 1985 four door Honda Accord, white in color, Oregon Plate 349 AQP.

Ngo is describes as a Vietnamese male, 25-years-old (Date

of Birth Sept. 01, 1972), 5'6", 125 lbs., black hair, brown eyes, missing his left index finger, and a scar over his left eye.

Anyone with information regarding the whereabouts of Ngo is asked to contact Portland Police Bureau Detectives K. Ferrell or D. Rubey at 823-0400.

Portland Police Seek Information

Homicide June 7, 1998/NW 16th And Everett

On Sunday morning June 7, 1998, at 2:30 a.m., Police discovered 33-year-old Jeffrey Steven Lange, white male, Date of Birth Sept. 30, 1964, dead at the wheel of his running vehicle. Lange was driving a white 1987

Ford Mustang when he was shot and killed. Investigators have not been able to identify a motive for the shooting.

Detectives are asking anyone with information regarding activities in the area of NW

Everett, between NW 16th and NW 20th Avenues during the hours of 12:30 A.M. and 2:30 A.M. to contact Detectives W. Svilar or D. Anderson at Portland Police Detective Division 823-0479.

Happy Birthday

Demarcus Collins - Love Always's Mom

Community Welcomes State-of-the Art Computer Lab at University Park

CONTINUED FROM METRO their sister program at the Ray Robinson Salvation Army Community Center in Sacramento, California.

Jenkins hopes the community open house will make more people aware of the resources available at UPCC, as well as highlight the importance of collaborations between the city and business partners like Intel. The Intel

Corporation and its foundation provided a combination of grants, equipment, and professional services to get the lab up and running. Intel spokesman Peter Broffman says that the project demonstrates the company's strong commitment to providing technology education in Oregon and increasing access of people of color to careers in this growing field.

The need for such opportunities is particularly acute in the Portsmouth neighborhood where University Park Community Center is located. The center is across the street from Columbia Villa/Tamarack, Oregon's largest public housing development. If the lab is as successful as everyone expects, it could serve as a model for other Computer Technology Centers at Portland Parks & Recreation sites.

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