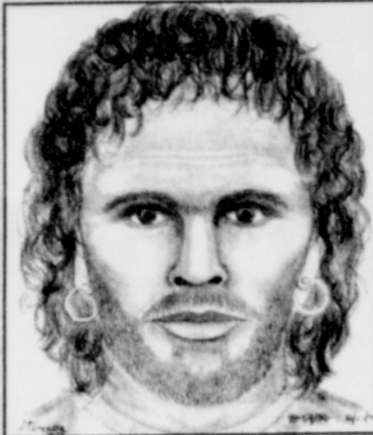


POLICE NEWS

RAPE SUSPECT

Portland Police Bureau Investigators, in cooperation with Crime Stoppers, are asking for your help in identifying and apprehending a rape suspect.

On June 5, 1998, at approximately 10:30 to 10:45 in the evening, a woman in her fifties was getting out of her parked car, in a crowded grocery store parking lot at NE 69th Avenue and Sandy Boulevard, when she was confronted by a subject who threatened her with a knife. The victim was forced to drive her car to NE 84th Avenue and NE Halsey Street, where she was taken behind a brick office building and sexually assaulted. During the at-



tack, the suspect struck the victim with his fists and cut her with his knife. The suspect was last seen on foot, fleeing west across NE 84th

Avenue.

The suspect is described as a male, white, 35 to 40 years of age, 6'00" tall, 155 to 160 pounds, with black curly/wavy hair and a black beard. At the time he was wearing earrings, possibly silver hoop type, in both ears, blue jeans, and a white T-shirt. The suspect also had what the victim described as an "unusual" accent.

Crime Stoppers is offering a cash reward of up to \$1,000 for information, reported to Crime Stoppers, that 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.

16 Year-old drowning victim

At approximately 2:55 on August 11th, Multnomah County Sheriff's office deputies and Troutdale police were called to Glenn Otto park, on the Sandy River, in Troutdale. Officers found that a 16 year old male had jumped or slipped into the river and had not resurfaced. Deputies called the Clackamas County inter-agency Dive Rescue team and the Multnomah County Sheriff's Dive Team to the scene. The dive teams were in the water searching within 45 minutes of being called and eventually found the victim's body approximately 30 yards from where he had entered into the river.

Deputies learned from witnesses at the scene that the victim was swimming and jumping into the water along with approximately 10 other family members who were at the park with a larger group of family. The victim either fell or jumped into the river from a larger rock east of the Troutdale bridge, went under water and came up yelling for help. A twenty year old male cousin to the victim attempted to rescue him but was being pulled under and had to escape himself. The victim went under a second time and did not resurface. The victim was described as being a weak swimmer by family members.

The victim is being identified as

Meng Vang a male Asian. 16 years old. Vang is Laotian and recently moved to Portland from the southern California area. He had been staying with family in SE Portland. Vang's body was taken to the Multnomah County medical Examiner's office.

The dive team from Clackamas County is made up of divers from Lake Oswego, Gladstone, Tualatin, and Estacada fire departments as well as the Clackamas County Sheriff's office. Divers from the Multnomah County Sheriff's office also searched for Vang. This is the second drowning in the same area in the past three weeks.

Suspect Arrested In Abduction And Sexual Assault

In the early morning hours of August 13, 1998, uniform officers of NE Precinct arrested Walter Shamsud-Din the IV, male, 19 years, for his involvement in the abduction and sexual assault of a 13-year old girl. Apparently Shamsud-Din approached the victim and a second 13-year old female, who were walking home at

3:20 am, in the area of NE 21st and NE Emerson St. Shamsud-Din apparently ordered the victim into his vehicle, a 1982 Oldsmobile at gunpoint. The second female fled immediately called the police. Responding officers located the suspect's vehicle at NE 17th and NE Emerson St. with Shamsud-Din and the victim still inside. Shamsud-

Din was taken into custody. The victim and the second 13-year old apparently did not know the suspect.

The investigation is being conducted by the Multnomah County Child Abuse Team. Shamsud-Din will be lodged at the Justice Center Jail on the charges of Kidnap I and Rape I.

Man overboard in the Columbia River

Multnomah County Sheriff's Office River Patrol deputies were called to the scene of a man overboard on the Columbia river. At approximately 4:30 pm the deputies responded to the Kelly Point park area where a family was riding in a rental boat. At approximately 4:20, west of the park, on the Columbia, a male adult on board decided to jump from the boat that was traveling approximately 30

mph. The man did not resurface. The River patrol, Coast Guard and the Portland Fire Bureau conducted a search of a large area of the river which was hampered by the lack of reliable information about the man's entry point. The search is being conducted visually and with radar in an area where the water is approximately 60 feet deep.

The male victim is identified as Matt A. Critchett, a male caucasian

born in December of 1954. he was on the boat with his wife, daughter and the daughter's two young children. The family and victim are from Beaverton, OR.

There were life jackets on board, however Mr. Critchett was not wearing one. Alcohol is believed to be involved and the incident is still under investigation by the Multnomah County River patrol.

Suspicious Death Investigation Update 2000 Block SE 88th

On Sunday, August 2, 1998, Detectives of the Portland Police Bureau were called to the 2000 block of SE 88th Ave., regarding the remains of a fetus which was dug up by a dog in the backyard

of the residence. At this time, Detectives have tentatively identified the biological mother of the fetus, but are not releasing the name or other information. No charges have been filed at this

point. This investigation is continuing in conjunction with the Multnomah County District Attorney's office who will review the case when the investigation is completed.

Business



Lewis Named Vice President at United Way

Carolyn Lewis has been named vice president of Human Resources at United Way of the Columbia-Willamette.

Lewis has been with United Way for 16 years, working in the Campaign Division for her first six years before moving to Human Resources. She's been part of the executive team for more than three years. Prior to United Way, Lewis worked in human resources at First Interstate Bank (now Wells Fargo and Company).

Lewis currently is president of Executive Women International, a

board member of Fish Emergency Services, a trustee for Northwest Agencies Trust, and a member of the Northwest Human Resource Management Association.

United Way funds are disbursed to agencies for specific programs, such as those that strengthen families, help children and youth, enhance senior independence and meet emergency needs. The 78-year-old local United Way raises money and distributes funds in Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington counties in Oregon and in Clark County, Washington.



Carolyn Lewis

A "Street Of Dreams" And "Village For Sale" II

By PROF. MCKINLEY BURT

I was afraid that I might have failed to make several important points last week, but one response in particular tells me otherwise. A reader says that almost a decade ago in a talk before her church group, I anticipated the ultimate direction of "gentrification."

This was a time when African Americans were using the term to describe the urban phenomena where whites were 'moving back' to the inner city in increasing numbers, to streets and villages of another time and place, of another way of life. The people were just beginning to recover from the trashing of massive Urban Renewal programs, when economic and social hopes were dashed again.

Suburbia was not 'nirvana' as much of the fleeing middle class was to discover, and the return swing of the real property pendulum had not nearly so much to do with pressures created by Metro and growth boundaries as it did with a belated realization that the "Village" and its social covenants exists for us all, for all humans, all levels, however disguised.

Last year I wrote a three-part series on the first phase of this phenomenon, the outward flight. I chose for a title that of the angry book by James Howard

Kunster, "The Geography of Nowhere: The Rise and Decline of America's Man-Made Landscape" (Touchstone Simon & Schuster, 1994).

We are all of us too familiar with the Urban Renewal phase of the deliberate destruction of the economic and social structure of America's principal inner cities. No need to rehearse that painful chapter except as it relates to that "return swing of the pendulum of white flight."

In my communications with former students in other cities, that pendulum does seem to be gaining momentum-not just in Portland as some readers have observed. Several weeks ago the Portland Observer featured a major article which cited a visiting lecturer carrying a message from the National Urban League: "Hold on to your property, it is more valuable than you think. Alert your elderly parents and neighbors (several decades late with the message?)."

And the pressure is not going to relent, that is why my suggestion that "nirvana" is not to be. Developers are becoming aware that more and more of the white middle class is coming to realize this-even those who did not end up on undeclared flood plains or unstable slopes.

Last week I spoke of the marketing

ploy of the real estate developers in their efforts to deal with this kind of uncertainty in the prime market: "Village for Sale, a new dream for old-fashioned community." And, of course, there is the perennial shoppers mall for mansions, "Street of Dreams."

And I talked at length with a successful white professional, a subscriber of the Portland Observer who under ordinary circumstances would be a prime prospect for the 'plastic' Villages or Streets. He frequently comes by to peruse some rare books I'm not about to let out of the house - and he returns the favor, expanding both our reach.

He said, "my brother moved out to suburbia ten years ago and now he's trying to get back as hard as he can at any price. It's not just that the 'hurry-up-and-develop' boys didn't do the kind of job with transportation, water, sewers, schools and other public services you'd expect in a 'well-planned' community. His families' problem is a 'mind-set'."

"You said it very well in that December 17 article, 'American Philosophy of Land and Space'. Something about a contradiction or dichotomy in our 'psyche. Even the renowned urban analyst, Lewis Mumford had this."

Concluded next week.

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