

# Police News

## Three Arrested In September Beating Death

*One Adult and Two Juveniles have been charged.*

On September 14, 1998, the body of Lorn Leroy Grindle, DOB August 16, 1956, was discovered near N. Lombard St. and N. Carey Av. near the railroad cut in St. Johns. Portland Police Bureau homicide detectives initiated an investigation after establishing Grindle died as the result of internal injuries caused by blunt force trauma to his abdomen.

In recent weeks Portland Police homicide detective John Rhodes and Shirley McLaughlin developed information which led to the identity of three suspects. On December 11, 1998, Friday, information was presented to the Multnomah County Grand Jury which led to the issuance

of indictments for one adult and two juveniles for Murder in the death of Lorn Grindle.

On December 12, 1998, Saturday, Detectives Rhodes and McLaughlin arrested Joseph Kelley Gann, DOB March 6, 1980, at this home in St. Johns for the murder of Mr Grindle. Gann was lodged in the Justice Center Jail and was arraigned in Multnomah County Circuit Court on Monday, December 14, 1998.

On December 13, 1998, Sunday, Detectives Rhodes and McLaughlin arrested Ramon David Thomas, DOB February 1, 1982, at this home in St. Johns and delivered him to the Donald E. Long Home where he was

lodged for the Grindle homicide.

On that same date, Joseph Gann's younger brother, Joshua Kerr Gann, DOB Sept. 14, 1981, was also charged with Murder in the death of Lorn Grindle. Joshua Gann was in custody at the Donald E. Long Home on unrelated charges when police reports were filed arresting him for murder for his involvement in Grindle's death.

Both Ramon Thomas and Joshua Grindle are expected to be remanded to adult court at a later date.

Detectives request anyone having information regarding this investigation call the Portland Police Detectives at (503) 823-0479.

## Portland Police Make Arrests In 1996 Double Murder

As the result of a continuing investigation by Portland Police homicide detectives, two additional defendants are under indictment and in custody for the June 14, 1996, homicide of Dennis K. Hester, age 20, and Damon D. Johnson, age 22. Hester and Johnson were shot and killed in their car in 1996 at N Minnesota Ave. and N Watts St. Two passengers in the same vehicle, Mecca Thurman, age 19, and Domanick Campbell, age 18, were wounded by gunfire but survived their injuries.

On July 31, 1998, homicide detectives David Ruby and Kris Ferrell arrested Francisco C. Hernandez, DOB May 31, 1977, in Bakersfield, California, and charged him with two counts of Aggravated Murder and

two counts of Attempted Aggravated Murder. Hernandez has since been extradited back to Oregon and is pending trial in Multnomah County Circuit Court.

On December 11, 1998, Friday, Detectives Ruby and Ferrell arrested James Lee Munoz, DOB November 25, 1978, in Portland, at his place of employment, and charged him with two counts of aggravated Murder, two Counts of Attempted Aggravated Murder and two counts of Assault in the Second Degree. Munoz was lodged in the Justice Center Jail and was arraigned in Multnomah County Circuit Court on Monday, December 14, 1998.

A third defendant, Antoine Depree Williams, DOB July 5, 1973, is cur-

rently in custody for unrelated federal criminal convictions and is incarcerated in the Snake River Correctional Institution in Ontario, Oregon. Williams was also charged on Friday, December 11, 1998, with two counts of Aggravated Murder, two counts of Attempted Aggravated Murder and two counts of Assault in the Second Degree. Williams will be transported from Ontario to Portland at an unspecified date for arraignment in Multnomah County. Homicide detectives state the investigation is continuing and do not rule out the possibility of additional indictments. Anyone having additional information regarding this case is asked to contact the Portland Police Detective Division at (503) 823-0479.

## Internet Child Pornographer Arrested

*5630 N Interstate Avenue #C*

On December 22, 1998, at 11:30 AM, Detectives from the Portland Police Bureau Computer Crimes Unit and the Multnomah County Child Abuse Team, served a search warrant at 5630 N Interstate Avenue, Apartment #C. Inside the residence, hundreds of photographs depicting small children and young boys in explicit sex acts were located. These

photos had been retrieved from the Internet. Also located were a large number of Polaroid pictures of young boys. Arrested in connection with the incident is John Michael Decker, date of birth June 13, 1948. Mr Decker has previous convictions of sex related crimes against young boys. Decker was charged with Encouraging Child Sexual Abuse I

and Encouraging Child Sexual Abuse II. Total bail is listed at \$250,000. Mr. Decker has been meeting young boys in chat rooms on America Online and at times, sending them pornographic pictures. The investigation is continuing. Anyone with information is requested to contact the Multnomah County Child Abuse Team at 248-5249.

## Protesters Dispersed, Arrested In Downtown Portland

On December 17, 1998, Thursday, approximately twenty-five protesters were arrested by Portland Police Officers during a mobile three and one half hour demonstration in downtown Portland. Most of the demonstrators were demonstrating their opposition to the recent United States military action in Iraq. Others were reportedly demonstrating their support of opposition to the im-

peachment proceedings against President Clinton.

A small crowd of protesters gathered outside the Edith Green Federal Office Building, 1220 SW Third Ave, shortly after 4:00 P.M. At least one arrest was made at about 4:30 P.M. after one protester struck a Portland Police Mounted Patrol horse with a sign. Others blocked traffic on SW Third Ave. The crowd

is believed to have grown to about 200 and moved in segments to other areas in the downtown area.

Two groups of protesters were taken into custody at SW 6th and SW Yamhill St and later at SW 5th and SW Morrison St. after being ordered to disperse. Portland Police officers were called in to handle the crowd which were withdrawn at about 7:00 pm.

## Multnomah County Sheriff's Office

On Dec. 16, 1998 at approximately 9:10 p.m. members of the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office Special Investigations Unit and the Gresham Police Department SERT team executed search warrants at 17441 SE Division Street, #22, Portland, Oregon, and 15151 SE Stark, #9, Portland, Oregon for evidence in a case regarding the distribution of heroin and cocaine in the east Portland and Gresham area. Five Mexican nationals were arrested and booked into the Multnomah County Jail on charges of Possession and Distribution of Controlled Substances. The subjects arrested were:

#1: Villegas, Florentino M/H,

DOB: 01/15/66

#2: Pintado-Hernandez, Jose M/H, DOB: 04/18/76

#3: Villa-Arreola, Octavio M/H, DOB: 07/25/78

#4: Becerra-Omelas, Eduardo M/H, DOB: 07/15/71

#5: Gonzales-Rodriguez, Ramon M/H, DOB: 10/08/79

The investigation which culminated in the execution of the search warrants and arrests had been an on-going investigation within the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office Special Investigations Unit for several months. This group was responsible for the distribution of heroin and cocaine to street level users

who made their contacts via pay phones, pagers, and cell phones. Heroin and cocaine purchased in small amounts, rapped in balloons and carried in the mouth of the delivery person, was the modus operandi. You call - they deliver, all over east Portland and Gresham area, \$40 and up.

Evidence recovered in the search warrants included prepackaged heroin and cocaine; a 9mm handgun and ammunition; approximately \$28,000 cash, mostly 5's, 10's, 20's 50's, and 100's; hundreds of small balloons; cell phones and pagers; and several vehicles used to make deliveries.

## Crime Stoppers: Wanted Subject



The Portland Police Bureau's Detective division, in cooperation with Crime Stoppers, is asking for your help in locating and apprehending Ronald Joseph Hauge. On November 16, 1998, Hauge entered a convenience store in southeast Portland and demanded money from the clerk. When the clerk refused, Hauge displayed a handgun. Hauge then had a violent struggle with the clerk and left the store after stealing some money.

Ronald Joseph Hauge is a 24

year old white male with a date of birth of February 13, 1974. He is 6'0" tall, weighing 170 pounds with brown hair and brown eyes. Hauge has several warrants for his arrest.

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 need not give your name.

Call Crime Stoppers at (503) 823-HELP.

## Portland Police Detectives Clear Series Of Local "Take Over" Robberies

Two Suspects In Custody - Another Sought In Connection With Eight Robberies In Portland And Gresham

Portland Police Bureau and Gresham Police Department detectives have arrested two of three suspects who have been tied to a series of eight local robberies which were reported from Gresham and Portland Police between November 11, 1998 and December 12, 1998. Police agencies in the Seattle area are said to be investigating a series of eighteen similar robberies. The robbery activity in Portland appears to have started at about the same time the Seattle robbery activity subsided.

On December 8, 1998, Tuesday, officers and detectives from Gresham and Portland Police arrested Gary Douglas Wilson, DOB

September 28, 1966, at SE 182nd Ave. and SE Division St. Wilson was lodged at the Multnomah County Justice Center Jail and was indicted on December 15, 1998, by a Multnomah County Grand Jury for multiple counts of First and Second Degree Robbery.

On December 8, 1998, in a separate incident, Douglas Wayne Dunn DOB December 21, 1973, a Seattle resident, was arrested at SE 180th and SE Division St. and charged with multiple counts of First and Second Degree Robbery, Kidnaping and Felon in Possession of a Firearm. He, too, was indicted by a Multnomah County Grand Jury on December 15, 1998, for Robbery, Kidnaping and Felon in Possession of a Firearm.

Investigators are currently looking for a third person, Edward R.

Guerrero, male, Hispanic, DOB October 06, 1970, for whom robbery warrants have been issued.

Dunn, Wilson and Guerrero are suspected to have been involved in confrontational armed robberies in which employees and customers of hotels and small businesses were threatened with guns and robbed. In several instances the suspects jumped over customer service counters to threaten their victims.

A photograph of Edward Ray Guerrero is available at the Portland Police Detective Division, 1111 SW Second Ave. Rm 1250, Portland, Oregon 97204.

Any information regarding Edward Guerrero should be referred to Lt. Jim Muzyn, Gresham Police Department, (503) 618-2333 or Lt. Sgr. Wayne Svilar, Portland Police Bureau, (503) 823-0479.

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