

POLICE NEWS

CRIME STOPPERS

The Portland Police Bureau, in cooperation with Crime Stoppers, is asking for your help in identifying and apprehending two females responsible for a robbery.

On Monday, September 14, 1998, at about 8:00 p.m., a young woman ran from the Lloyd Center Nordstrom store with a jacket and jeans she had not paid for. A store security officer gave chase as she ran to a small, red car in the parking lot. As the security officer attempted to prevent her from leaving, she forced her way into the passenger side of the car, and while holding onto the security officer's arm, she yelled to the driver, "Hit it, 'Go, go, go!'" As the car sped off, the security officer was pulled approximately 50 feet before falling to the ground.

Suspect #1 is described as a black female, nineteen to twenty-five years of age, 5'6" tall, weighing approximately 140 pounds, with black hair and brown eyes. As the time, she was wearing a white tank top and blue jeans.

Suspect #2, the driver, is described as a black female, nineteen to twenty-one years of age, wearing a dark color top and blue jeans.

The suspect vehicle is a red Chevrolet Chevette 2-door, or similar vehicle, with a Washington license plate of 849-FQL.

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



Update On Homicide Investigation

On Thursday, March 18, 1999, at approximately 12:03 A.M. Portland Police Bureau officers responded to a call of a man who had been stabbed on NE Prescott St., near NE 11th Ave. When officers arrived, they found John Wesley Neal, 27 years, had been stabbed. Portland Police Bureau officers then responded to the call of a body on the corner of NE Prescott St. and NE 14th Ave. When officers arrived, they discovered the body of Timothy Jerome Ross, 36 years. Timothy Jerome Ross, who was a north-east Portland resident, died of stab wounds to his torso.

The investigation has revealed that just prior to the homicide, Timothy Jerome Ross and John Wesley Neal were standing on the corner of

NE Prescott St. and NE 14th Ave., when a "sports car" stopped and the occupants engaged them in conversation. Four males then got out of the above described vehicle and assaulted Ross and Neal.

The vehicle has been described as a newer white, two door hatchback, "sports car", unknown make and model, dark tinted windows and five star chrome wheels.

The driver of the vehicle, who never got out, has been described as a white male, approximately 40 years, sandy colored hair worn short and parted to cover a receding hairline, wearing a brown leather jacket.

One of the passengers of the vehicle who got out and was involved in the altercation has been described as

a black male, late 20's to early 30's 5'6" to 5'8" tall, hair in dreadlocks past the shoulders, a goatee with several days growth of beard over the rest of his face, sunken cheeks and yellow teeth.

Additionally, there were three white males who got out of the vehicle and were described as being involved in the altercation. They were described as being in their 20's, all three with short hair, worn under black knit caps pulled low on their heads, with some red clothing on.

Detective Sergeants Kris Ferrell and John Minnis who have been assigned the investigation, are asking anyone with information regarding this vehicle or the suspects involved to call the Portland Police Bureau Detective Division at 823-0400.

Hikers Missing

Multnomah County's Deputies received a report this morning at 8:15 a.m. that at least three hikers had not returned from a day hike, yesterday in the Columbia Gorge. The three hikers left the Intel campus in Beaverton at 7:00 a.m. Saturday and were to return around 8:00 p.m. the same day. When they did not return, one of the wives called in and reported them missing.

The hikers were planning a day hike in the Ruckle Creek Ridge area in the Columbia gorge. This area is off of interstate 84 at the Eagle Creek

campground area (mile 41) on the border of Multnomah and Hood River counties. There are three confirmed hikers and possibly more, all employed by Intel. At least one of the hikers is an experienced hiker and was an Eagle Scout. All three were reported to be "dressed appropriately" for the area and weather.

The hikers known to be missing are:
Kelly Evan Jones age 36
Hillsboro, Or

Nada Siddaiah age unknown
Beaverton, Or

Supumal Wijerantne age unknown
Beaverton, Or
Mr. Siddaiah's vehicle was located at the Eagle Creek campground area and is believed to be the only vehicle taken to the location by the three hikers.

The Multnomah County's Sheriff's office and the Hood River County Sheriff's Office is coordinating the resources and the search for the hikers utilizing each agencies Search and Rescue posts.

For information, call Lt. Brian Martinek pager #271-1217

Inmates To Live And Work In Deschutes National Forest

One of Oregon's national forests will soon have new temporary residents...inmates.

Because there are no prisons in the area, the U.S. Forest Service asked the Oregon Department of Corrections to bring inmates to the Deschutes National Forest to test the concept of a mobile work camp that might be replicated in other locations throughout Oregon. The "Deschutes Conservation Camp" will house more than 80 minimum-custody inmates in the Deschutes National Forest during an eight-week pilot project to use inmate labor to accomplish work that otherwise would go undone.

"This is a unique partnership between the Oregon Department of Corrections, the U.S. Forest Service, and the Oregon National Guard," says inmate Work Programs Admin-

istrator Michael Taaffe. "Eight 10-man work crews - each supervised by a correctional officer - will work 10-hour days, six days a week."

Inmates will live in insulated federal surplus tents, and will be supervised round-the-clock by correctional officers. Camp support will include a mobile kitchen and food service provided by the Oregon National Guard as part of their training exercises.

"We are excited to be part of this partnership to create solutions on so many levels," says Sally Collins, Forest Supervisor of the Deschutes National Forest. "This is a great example of community-based commitment to corrections. The U.S. Forest Service accomplishes much-needed labor-intensive natural resource work. The inmates get to work to repay their debts to society in tangible, mean-

ingful ways. They will gain a greater understanding of not only the work they are doing but the importance of this work to the larger public land management goals."

The camp area, approximately 30-miles from Bend, will be posted as an inmate work camp and will be off-limits to visitors unless approved in advance by Camp Commander Captain Jeff Forbes. The eight-week pilot is scheduled to begin May 3 and run through June 25.

Oregon's Constitution, as amended by 1994's Ballot Measure 17, requires all eligible inmates to participate in work and approved training activities full time. Approximately 750 Oregon inmates are sent out on work crews each day, usually within a 60-mile radius of prisons.

Sting Operation Targets Commercial Outlets Selling Alcohol To Minors

In response to complaints of commercial outlets selling alcohol to minors, officers of East Precinct recently conducted a two day sting operation at 84 commercial outlets. Eighteen year old decoys went into 84 commercial outlets and were able to purchase alcohol 31 times. Approximately 70% of the time, the clerk, bartender or waiter asked to look at identification. The minors then displayed identification which verified that they were eight-

teen, and they were still sold alcohol. On one occasion the minor verbally identified himself as being eighteen years old and was sold alcohol.

The decoys went into 16 large chain grocery stores and on 5 occasions were able to purchase alcohol. The decoys contacted 8 service stations with small grocery stores attached and on 4 occasions were sold alcohol. Additionally, 31 convenience stores were visited and on 10 occa-

sions the minors were sold alcohol. The decoys contacted 28 taverns, restaurants and bars and on 12 occasions were sold alcohol. The 1 OLCC store which was contacted refused to sell to the minors.

The commercial outlets which sold alcohol to the minors were issued citations for Furnishing Alcohol To A Minor, a class A misdemeanor. The OLCC will be conducting the follow-up investigations.

Observing

Second Citizens Forum of 1999 Set for April 26

VANCOUVER - The Ogden Neighborhood Association will host the year's second Citizens Forum Monday, April 26, from 7-9 p.m. at Vantech Enterprises NW, 6511 E. 18th St.

Citizen's Forums are held four times each year as an opportunity for Vancouver City Councilmembers and local citizens to gather in an informal setting to discuss community issues and concerns.

The forum will be preceded by a City Council tour of the Ogden neighborhood, guided by neighborhood representatives. The tours will spotlight neighborhood projects and goals. A neighborhood representative will facilitate the public meeting that follows. Time will be provided at the end of the forum for small group discussions with City council members and City staff. "The format of these community gatherings was

changed last year to make each forum flexible and unique to the host neighborhood," says Elsie Deatherage of the City's Office of Neighborhoods.

The quarterly Citizens Forums were started in the 1970s as an informal way for citizens to access their local elected officials. A different city neighborhood association hosts each forum but citizens from throughout the city are invited to participate.

City Invites Daughters and Sons to Work

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 22, daughters can observe their parents at work. On Thursday, May 20, sons are invited to participate.

Activities planned by the City include a presentation by the City Manager Vernon E. Stoner and Deputy City Manager Pat McDonnell. They will discuss the challenges and rewards of being a leader in the public sector. A tour of city facilities will highlight the many different jobs available through the

city. The event is designed for school-age children.

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.

Call Lisa Sykes, Human Resources, 696-8686 for more information.

Traffic Plan For Tax Day

The City of Vancouver, in conjunction with the US Postal Service, has developed a tax day traffic plan for Thursday, April 15, from 3 to 10 p.m. in the area near the Main Post Office at 2700 Caples Ave. The Main Office is the only post office in SW Washington that will extend hours for tax day. In the past the area has experienced traffic jams as citizens try to meet last minute tax deadlines.

To improve traffic and lessen the impact on neighbors, citizens will find: Internal Revenue agents and representative from the Oregon Depart-

ment of Revenue at the post office from 4 to 10 p.m. to assist with tax preparation.

Caples will be one-way traffic north (except from the parking lot exit at the Main Post Office to the corner of Fourth Plain).

There will be a barricade on the north end of Caples to block southbound traffic.

A temporary stop sign will be erected for northbound Caples traffic at Gibbons Street.

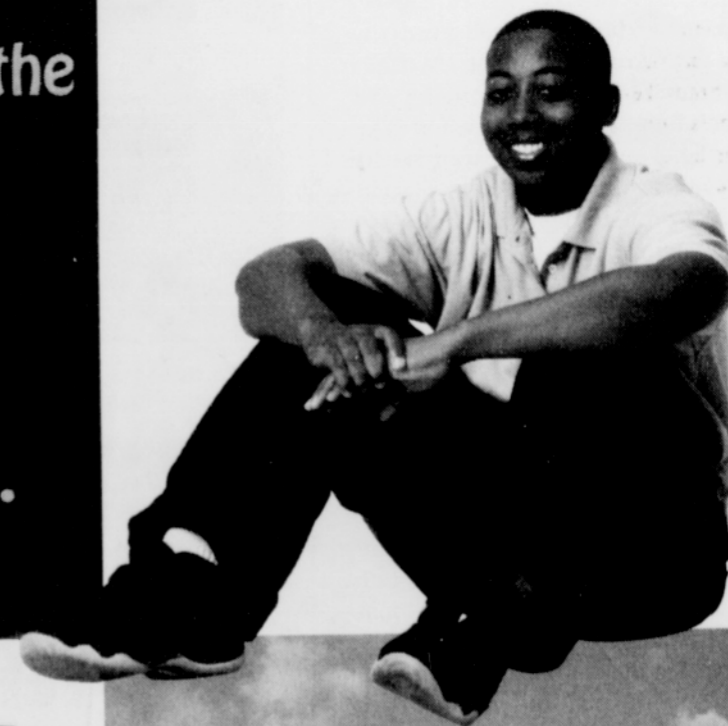
Caples will be posted "no parking" from the morning hours to 10 p.m. on April 15.

Gibbons will be converted to one direction east with no parking from 3 to 10 p.m. The current entry to the collection receptacle lane for northbound traffic from the Caples parking area will be changed to southbound for customers entering the Main Office parking lot from Gibbons.

The left-hand turn lane going east on Fourth Plain Boulevard at Caples, will be blocked and traffic will be rerouted by signage.

Cones will be used to separate traffic on Gibbons and Caples streets. For more information call (360) 735-8875.

A special invitation to the African American Community...



Join us for an event created with you in mind. Explore your options. Make a lasting connection. And unlock the door to your future.

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Portland, OR

For more information, call Paul James toll-free at 1-800-291-4192 ext. 7-9032

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- Hear from speakers including Dr. Paul Risser, OSU President, and Paul James, Coordinator of Ujima Education Office.

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