

# POLICE NEWS

## CRIME STOPPERS

### HOMICIDE

Portland Police Bureau Detectives, in cooperation with Crime Stoppers, are asking for your help in solving the homicide of a young man who died trying to help protect a friend.

On Saturday, February 6, 1999, at approximately 1:53 in the morning, at a fast food restaurant at SE 49th and Powell, 19-year-old Hien Minh Pham and two friends were in their car waiting in line. Directly behind them, alone in his vehicle, was another friend of Pham's.

The two cars were still waiting in line when another vehicle, described as a black or dark blue, late model Honda 2-door, pulled onto the lot and stopped. Numerous Asian males, who were in the Honda, got out and immediately confronted Pham's friend who was alone in his vehicle.

Pham got out of his car attempted to go to the aid of his friend. But it was there that Pham was stabbed and mortally wounded.

According to investigators, the suspects, who confronted Pham's friend and stabbed Pham, are possibly associated with a gang called "The Red Cobras."

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.



## Help Needed for Fire Victims

On Saturday, March 27, 1999, a house fire at 7411 N. Vancouver Ave, Portland, Oregon destroyed the residence of a family of 9 (two adults and 7 children, ages 1 yr to 17 years old.)

The family was able to get out of the house safe with just the clothes on their backs. Everything else was completely burned and destroyed by the fire. The family did not have insurance.

The American Red Cross provided temporary emergency housing for the

family for one week in a hotel. Red Cross also provided emergency food for one week and a clothing voucher.

Other donations would be appreciated, as everything was lost in the fire including household items (clothing, shoes, bath cloths and towels, linen and covers for beds, furniture, food, cooking utensils, ect.).

If you should have any items that you would like to donate to the family, please call (503) 283-1692 and

leave a message.

A "Donations Relief Fund" has been set up at the US Bank at 3233 North Lombard, Portland, Oregon for the Kenneth H. Johnson Jr. family to help with housing, clothing and household items. Your donations will be greatly appreciated. Contributions can be made at any US Bank in Oregon and in the United States.

**\*\*THANKS AND BLESSINGS TO YOU FROM THE KENNETH JOHNSON FAMILY\*\***

a black sweater and white shoes. The suspect fled the parking lot in an unknown direction.

The name of the victim is being withheld pending notification of family. Anyone with information is asked to call the Detective Division of Portland Police bureau at 823-0400. Detective Sergeant Jon Rhodes and Detective Sergeant Derek Anderson are assigned the investigation.

## Homicide-Suicide

On Friday, April 9, 1999, at approximately 9:20 P.M., East Precinct officers responded to a call of a shooting at 5748 NE Killingsworth Street. When officers arrived, they found Dina Lin Keller, 42 years, deceased in the bedroom of the residence from apparent gunshot wounds. Officers also found Leo James Keller, 43

years, in the bedroom suffering from an apparent gunshot wound to the head. James Keller was transported to Emanuel hospital where he later died of his injuries.

The investigation revealed that two of the Keller's children, a 16-year old daughter and an 8-year old son, were inside the residence

where the shooting occurred. A teenager, who was a family friend, was also present. Apparently James and Diana Keller were involved in a verbal argument prior to the shooting. They then went into the bedroom where James Keller shot Diana Keller with a handgun and then shot himself.

## Crime Witness Program Expands Across the West

Under an agreement signed by the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) and the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR), the two agencies will jointly run the Crime Witness Program. The \$100,000 agreement expands the program from its original base in the Pacific Northwest into all 17 Western states.

The crime Witness Program is a broad neighborhood-watch crime prevention program intended to combat crime, reduce vandalism, increase power system reliability; control costs and keep rates low. BPA Administra-

tor Judi Johansen stated: "We are very pleased with this alliance between our two agencies. It is a natural fit. Leveraging each agency's resource in this constructive partnership is good for BPA, the BOR, our customers, the power system and the greater public interest."

The Crime Witness Program offers cash rewards of up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of persons committing crimes against BPA or BOR facilities, property or personnel. Signs posted at facilities direct informants to call

toll free 1-800-437-2744 to report criminal activities in complete confidence.

BPA originally created its Crime Witness Program in 1994 to ask the public to help fight crime on its facilities. Before the program, crime directed against BPA personnel, property and assets cost the agency more than \$1 million each year. Since 1994, the program generated hundreds of telephone tips resulting in dozens of arrests, thousands of dollars in recovered property savings of more than a third since institution of the program.

## Officers Discover Another Meth Lab In S.E. Portland

**•Knock and Talk Leads to Working Lab in Bathroom**

Acting upon a tip, Multnomah County Sheriff's Deputies discovered a working methamphetamine lab in a small apartment complex at 7606 S.E. Flavel. The lab was found at apartment #3. The officers made contact with the people living in the apartment and found a working meth lab in the bathroom.

Officers contacted Gresham HazMat Team 3 and the Special Investigations Unit (SIU) of the

Sheriff's Office. They processed the scene and removed chemicals and part of a working lab. The area has been posted as unfit for habitation because it is a hazardous drug site.

Micah Taylor Nordstrom, date of birth 5/6/80, was taken into custody. He has been charged with possession, distribution and manufacturing of a controlled substance. He has a previous criminal record for possession of a controlled substance. Denise Marie Snyder, age 22, was also

living in the apartment with her four year old child. She has not been charged with any crime.

During 1998, the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office investigated 18 meth labs. Our count for 1999, including this incident, is 11 meth labs. According to Sergeant Lane Sawyer, manager of the Special Investigations Unit, "Methamphetamine is our fastest growing threat. Local operations are clearly on the increase in Oregon. Meth is the number one drug of choice in Multnomah County."

# Observing Vancouver

## City Introduces 24-Hour Utility Payment Boxes At Three Locations

City of Vancouver water and sewer utility customers can now make utility payments 24 hours a day, seven days a week at three new, conveniently located payment depositories.

The blue payment boxes, which can also be used to pay parking tickets, are located at:

- Utilities Division office, 2323 General Anderson Ave.
- Central Police Precinct, 2800 Stapleton Rd.

East Police Precinct, 1201 Tech Center Drive, Suite 190 (off 164th Avenue)

"The payment boxes are part of our ongoing effort to improve service and convenience for the City's utility customers while keeping operating costs down," says Rich Golze, Utilities Administration manager.

Customers should use the payment envelope provided with their bi-monthly utility bill and pay by check only (no cash, please). The cancelled check will

serve as the receipt of the transaction.

City utility customers can also make utility payments Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at: Vancouver City Hall, 210 East 13th St.; Citizens Service Center, 1313 Main St.; and the Utilities Division Office, 2323 General Anderson Ave. Utility payments are also accepted at any branch of First Independent Bank during normal business hours.

## Vancouver Honored for a Decade of Commitment to Community Forestry

VANCOUVER—For a benchmark tenth year in a row, Vancouver has been named a Tree City USA by the national Arbor Day Foundation (NAADF). Mayor Royce E. Pollard announced the designation as part of the Arbor Month proclamation at the Monday, April 5, City Council meeting. Mayor Pollard will formally accept the award from the State Commissioner of Public Lands, Jennifer Belcher at a State Arbor Day celebration Wednesday, April 14, on Officers Row.

To become a nationally recog-

nized Tree City USA, a community must meet four standards: a tree-care ordinance, a comprehensive community forestry program, and an Arbor Day observance. "Vancouver has a long history of commitment to its urban forests," observes Elizabeth Walker, city forester. We are proud that Vancouver is applauded for its ongoing efforts, and a decade of the national designation is noteworthy."

Tree City USA awards are presented by the NAADF in cooperation with the National Association of State Foresters

and the United States Forest Service.

Several local events are planned as part of Arbor Month in April: **State Arbor Day:** "Tree Across Time" - April 14, 10 a.m. Marshall House of Officers Row.

**Earth Action Day:** Salmon Habitat Restoration at Headache Creek - April 17, 9 a.m. - noon. (Call Gillian Brandon, 694-8495)

**National Arbor Day:** Americorps tree planting at Lacamas Park - April 30, 10 a.m. - noon. Camas (Call Samuel Paden, 696-8171 ext. 8455)

## Clark County Underscores Local issues in Response to Bureau of Indian Affairs

On Thursday, April 8, 1999 Clark County provided the Federal Bureau of Indian Affairs Office in Portland, Oregon, with its response regarding a proposal to put 170.8 acres of land in the Ridgefield area into trust status.

In addition to providing specific technical data requested by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the county also responded to the BIA's request for information about local concerns.

Chief among the concerns cited by the county was maintaining the integrity of Clark County's comprehensive Land-use plan. County citizens as part of an

extensive four-year public process developed the land-use plan.

"Our land-use plan helps ensure that our decisions are consistent with the direction our citizens want the county to go and that they treat people equitably," said Judie Stanton, chair of the board of Clark County commissioners. "In responding to the Bureau of Indian Affairs proposal, we are underscoring Clark County's need to fulfill our commitment to our residents and to the state of Washington to manage our growth."

The Shoalwater Bay Indian Tribe owns the land under discussion. Putting

it in trust would take it off the property tax rolls and would allow it to be exempt from local zoning, building code regulations, as well as the payment of impact fees. Current zoning for most of the property in question is for 10-to-20-acre sized lots.

Complete text of Clark County's response to the BIA's request for information is available by calling Clark County's Public Information and Outreach Office at (360) 397-6012, option 3, or by accessing the Clark County web site (the home page under the "What's New" section) at [www.co.clark.wa.us](http://www.co.clark.wa.us).

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