

POLICE NEWS

C R I M E S T O P P E R S

WANTED SUBJECT

The Washington County Sheriff's Office, in cooperation with Crime Stoppers, is asking for your help in locating and apprehending George Richard Gray, Jr. A Felony arrest warrant is on file charging Gray with Sex Abuse and Rape. Gray has family and friends in the communities of Stayton, Salem, and North Portland. He drives a white Pontiac Firebird and a pick-up of unknown description.

George Richard Gray, Jr. is described as a 36-year-old white male with a date of birth of March 9, 1963. He is 5'4 tall, weighing 165 pounds with green eyes and graying brown hair.

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 can remain anonymous. Call Crime Stoppers at (503) 823-HELP.



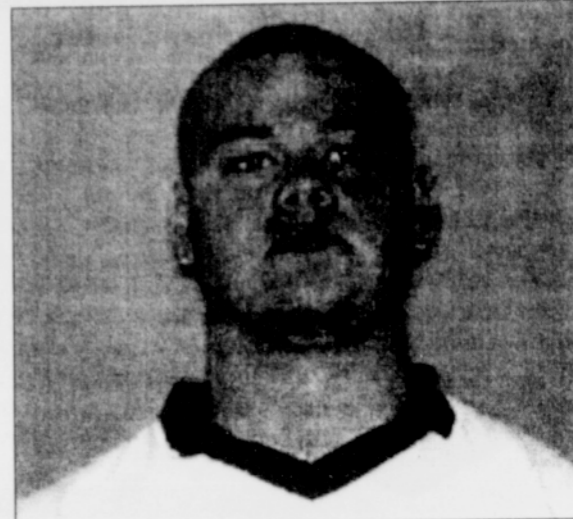
FRAUD

The Portland Police Bureau, in cooperation with Crime Stoppers, is asking for your help in identifying and apprehending an individual responsible for passing thousands of dollars in "bad" checks.

Using a date of birth of June 16, 1976, the suspect obtained fraudulent identification in the name of Richard Allen Hellyer. He then used a computer to generate the counterfeit checks.

The suspect is described as a male white in his early 20's, 6'6" tall, weighing 250 pounds with brown hair and brown eyes.

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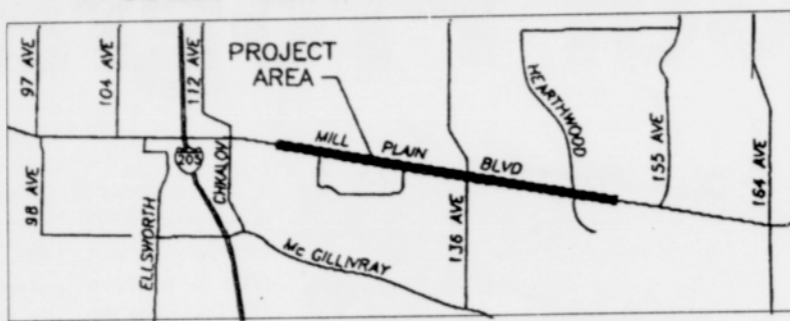
COMING SOON... August/September 1999

SE Mill Plain Blvd Paving Project

Here's what you can expect:

- Construction is scheduled for August/September 1999.
- A four day cure is required. During that time the lane can not be driven on. There will be no workers on the road but the lane will be closed to ensure that a proper seal is achieved. Work will resume after the cure period.
- The outside lanes, eastbound and westbound, will be closed 24 hours a day during the cure. Following that period, no section will be closed for more than two weeks at a time.
- In the commercial area, lane work will occur at night to reduce disturbance during business hours. Construction

SE 121st Avenue to SE 150th Avenue



hours are 8 P.M. to 6 A.M.

- Work in the residential areas on the east end of the project will be completed during the day. Construction hours are 7 A.M. to 10 P.M.

- More information will be distributed one week before construction.
- 24-hour notice of changes during construction will be given.
- For more info - call 696-8050

Groundbreaking Set For Wildwood Park

Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation Services invites local residents to attend a groundbreaking ceremony Wednesday, July 21, at 4 p.m. for Wildwood Neighborhood Park, east of SE 134th Avenue and north of SE 27th Street. It will be the fourth of 19 parks to be designed and built as part of the Parks Legacy Project.

The neighborhood park will include play structures, swings, balance beam, spring riders, enhanced entry with accessibility ramps, bench, drinking foundation and new lawn. In addition, a total of 1400 linear feet of trail will be paved during the second phase of park construction.

Completion of the park will be

celebrated with a dedication ceremony in November.

The Parks Legacy Program will develop 19 neighborhood parks by the end of the year 2000, and three community parks by 2002. Construction is made possible by funding from the Real

Estate Excise Tax (REET), implemented in 1996 with support from the Greater Vancouver Chamber of Commerce, Clark County Board of Realtors and Clark County Home Builders Association. All funds from this tax are designated for the development of parks.

Tuesday Market

The Vancouver Farmers Market will be open from 4 to 8 p.m., every Tuesday from August 3rd through September 28th, at the current Saturday Market location at 5th and Broadway. Vender sign up applications can be obtained by calling Amy Blankenship

at #737-8298 or at the information booth on Saturdays between 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Space rent will be \$15 per week and if vendors sign up now for all 9 weeks they will get the last week free. For information call the Vancouver Farmers Market office # at 737-8929.

Clark Co. Prosecutes Woman For Writing Bad Check

Charges have been brought for the first time under Clark County's NSF (Non-Sufficient Funds) Check Diversion Program. According to Art Curtis, Clark County Prosecuting Attorney.

"This program's primary goal is to obtain reimbursement for merchants in our community," Curtis stresses. "However, we mean business and those who don't comply with the program will be prosecuted."

On July 7, 1999 he signed a complaint against Cecilia B. Thorson, 21 for unlawful issuance of a Bank Check under \$250. This is a gross misde-

meanor in the state of Washington, which is punishable by up to a \$5,000 fine and a year in jail.

Winco Foods reported they received a check on November 20, 1998, for \$119.07 allegedly written by Thorson. The check was returned as "Account Closed." After unsuccessful attempts to collect on the check, Winco submitted it to the NSF Check Diversion Program.

The program gives defendants an opportunity to avoid criminal charges by making restitution. "They also must pay a program fee and attend a workshop on responsible checkbook man-

agement," says Debbie Garvin, program coordinator. "Thorsen was given the opportunity to participate in this program, but she failed to comply and was referred for prosecution."

Since the NSF program started in June 1998, 77 defendants have successfully completed the workshop, 317 bad checks have been cleared, and \$13,209 returned to merchants. Also, a total of \$18,797 in fees have been collected and returned to the county's general fund to offset the cost of running the program.

For more information, please contact Debbie Garvin at (360) 397-2216.

Buffalo Solider To Hold Anniversary Celebration

The 9th and 10th (Horse) Cavalry Association of the Buffalo Soldiers will hold its 133rd anniversary reunion July 28-31 with events centered on Vancouver Barracks in Vancouver, Wash. The event celebrates the early presence of African-American soldiers in the Pacific Northwest with the theme "Down by the Riverside," commemorating Buffalo soldier history from the Mississippi to the Columbia rivers.

The reunion also marks the 150th anniversary of Vancouver Barracks & the 100th anniversary of the death of honored Buffalo Soldier, Sgt. Moses Williams, who is buried in the post cemetery.

The keynote speaker will be Olympic medalist Lt. Col. Willie Davenport of the U.S. Army and National Guard. Davenport competed in five Olympic Games, winning a gold medal in the 110-meter hurdles in Mexico City in 1968 and a bronze medal in the same event in Montreal in 1976. Davenport will address the reunion luncheon Saturday, July 31.

The original Buffalo soldiers were African-American men and women who served in the U.S. Army from 1866 to 1944. The selection of Vancouver as the site of this year's reunion acknowledges close historical and present-day ties between the Buffalo soldiers and the U.S. military pres-

ence at Vancouver Barracks.

"It is important that we maintain the history of the Buffalo soldiers and educate others about their contributions to this country," said Carl Flipper, president of the association. In 1866, an Act of Congress authorized the creation of six regiments of black troops, two of cavalry and four of infantry. These troops were called "Buffalo Soldiers" by the Plains Indians. To be associated with the spirit of Native Americans' sacred buffalo was a measure of respect, and the black troops adopted the name and carried it proudly.

For nearly 40 years, the 9th and 10th cavalry regiments served on the frontier from Montana to Texas, along the Rio Grand in New Mexico, Arizona, Colorado and Dakotas. They built forts and roads, strung telegraph lines, protected railroad crews, escorted stagecoaches and trains, protected settlers and cattle drives, and fought Cheyenne, Arapaho, Kiowa, Comanche and Apache warriors.

Before disbanding in 1944, the 9th and 10th were formed into the 4th Cavalry Brigade in 1941, commanded by Gen. Benjamin O. Davis Sr. The 9th and 10th Cavalry Association holds annual reunions throughout the Nation. Associate membership is extended to any person who has rendered outstanding service to the United States through military ser-

vice or service to the community.

The following events are open to the public:

Wednesday, July 28, 6 P.M.

Opening ceremony, parade grounds of Fort Vancouver National Historic Site. The ceremony will feature Akbar DePriest's Regimental Band and the Lions of Batucada Samba Band. The event is free.

Thursday, July 29, noon

Luncheon at Columbia River Doubletree. Guest speaker will be former Rep. Margaret Carter, Oregon senatorial candidate and the First African-American elected to the Oregon House of Representatives. Cost is \$20.

Friday, July 30, 9 A.M.

Graveside tribute to Buffalo Soldiers at Old Post Cemetery, 2401 E. Fourth Plain Blvd. The event is free.

9 P.M. - USO Show featuring Akbar DePriest's Regimental Band and an array of other performers. At Pearson Air Museum, 1115 E. 5 St. cost is \$12.50

Saturday, July 31

9:30 A.M. - Free seminar at Columbia River Doubletree led by historian Robert Powell. 12:30 p.m. - Reunion Parade on the parade grounds of Fort Vancouver National Historic Site.

6 P.M. - Reception and banquet, Columbia River Doubletree, Lt. Col. Willie Davenport, guest speaker. Cost is \$30.

Homicide In SE Portland

On Thursday, July 22, 1999, at approximately 7:20 AM, a janitor at Cherry Park Elementary School, 1930 SE 104th Ave., discovered the body of a juvenile male behind the school on an asphalt driveway. Uniform officers and Homicide Detectives re-

sponded to the scene and determined that the victim died from an apparent gunshot wound to the head. The victim has been identified as 16-year-old Ram Singh of southeast Portland.

Detectives are asking anyone

with information to call the Detective Division at 823-0400. Det. Sergeant Frank Jolly, Det. Sergeant Derek Anderson and Det. Sergeant Sara Westbrook are assigned to the investigation.

Mayor Appoints Assistant Chief Interim Chief Of Police

Timeline Set for Police Chief Recruitment/Hiring

Lauding her attributes for honesty, openness, and commitment to community policing, Mayor Vera Katz named Assistant Chief Lynnae Berg Interim Chief of Police to take over the bureau July 31, 1999, following Chief Charles Moose's departure.

"Chief Berg has a high level of integrity, complemented by her strong sense of personal responsibility," said Katz. "she will be an active chief who will continue to move the bureau forward during the months of her tenure."

Berg joined the Portland Police Bureau in 1981, starting as a uniform officer in Northeast Precinct, including having spent time in the Mounted Patrol Unit and as a peer counselor and instructor for both defensive and patrol tactics. She made Detective in 1986, was promoted to Lieutenant in 1992, became a Captain in 1995, and was appointed Assistant Chief in 1997.

"I have asked her to continue our

recruitment and hiring efforts, continue working on implementing the Institute of Law and Justice recommendations for the bureau, work to bring the labor negotiations to closure, and continue our efforts to reduce youth gun crimes," said Katz. "I am confident she will perform admirably and that she will make a positive impact during her tenure."

Berg participates in the Regional Drug Initiative, has been a SMART volunteer at King School for three years, and is the treasurer of a non-profit preschool. She is also a member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police and the National Center for Women in Policing.

She earned a Bachelor of Arts in psychology and Criminal Justice from Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, MN in 1980 and received her Masters Degree in Public Administration from Lewis & Clark College in 1995.

Katz also announced that the National Recruitment Firm of Shannon Assoc., with Police Executive Research Forum, and the local firm of Kathleen Dotten and Associates, will lead the city's recruitment efforts for the permanent Chief of Police.

The Mayor's Office is currently in the middle of ten community focus groups slated through this week to hone a list of candidate qualities and skills desired for the Chief's position which will be used in recruiting materials. Previously, Katz's office received over 70 responses to a question posed in her website's "Pulse Poll" asking what citizens wanted from their next police chief.

Recruitment is expected to open in early August for approximately 30 days. By September 30, she hopes to determine semi-finalists and set interview dates. Finalist interviews are slated to begin October 15, with the goal to name the Chief at the end of the month.

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