

POLICE NEWS

CRIMESTOPPERS

Gresham Hears News of Neighbor

A 39-year-old convicted rapist who has been out of jail for one month has been the topic of conversation this week in Gresham. Six Multnomah County parole and probation officers have gone door to door alerting neighbors of Kenneth Neal about the man's back-

ground. Police say Neal met two women in a bar, offered to give them a ride home, kidnapped them and held them at knifepoint. One woman got away and he sexually assaulted the other. Neal is taking anger management classes as part of his rehabilitation.

Cops Fingering In OT Scam

Thirty Portland police officers were allegedly involved in an overtime pay scam at Central Precinct. Interim Chief Lenae Berg says \$165,000 was paid to officers for bogus overtime during drug missions in Portland's Old Town district.

Now that the Portland Police Bureau administration review is

complete, the Multnomah County District Attorney's Office desires to further review the case. The Portland Police Bureau has and will continue to provide any and all information and documents that the Multnomah County District Attorney's office requests.

Cops Lose Disorderly Conduct Case

A Multnomah County judge says Portland Police used a disorderly conduct statute that was unconstitutional when trying to control a demonstration last December. Protesters rallied in down-

town Portland when the U.S. bombing of Iraq began. The judge says the crackdown was illegal and, as a result, eight disorderly conduct cases against the protesters have been dropped.

Forest Park Suspect May Have Killed More

Police now think the man they suspect of killing three women by strangulation in Portland's Forest Park was involved in the 1987

deaths of two Gresham girls. Thirty-two-year-old Todd Alan Reed was questioned, but never arrested by police in those cases.

Cash Award for Hit and Run Info

A Washington Construction Company is offering one-thousand dollars for information regarding a hit-and-run accident last month that killed one of its workers. The offer comes from Westline Construction in Olympia, which wants to find the person driving a white Ford Bronco that hit 29-year-old Tith Mao as he worked on Interstate-Five near Tualitan.

Murder Suspect Arrested

On Monday, August 9, 1999, Nelson J. Gani, 15 years old, was arrested for the July 22nd homicide of 16 year old Ram Singh. Nelson Gani was arrested at Marshall High School where he was attending summer school. Nelson Gani has been charged with 1 count of Murder, 1 count of Conspiracy to Commit murder and is lodged at JDH. Nelson Gani is a southeast Portland resident and has no criminal record.

The Portland Police Bureau, in cooperation with Crime Stoppers is asking for your help in identifying and apprehending two individuals who are currently vandalizing buildings, bridge supports, and other structures with spray painted graffiti. To date, the individuals who use the letters "BTOE" and "SENIK" have defaced property in Northwest, Southwest, and lower Southeast Portland.

The vandalism, in addition to being an eyesore, can cost build-



ing owners thousands of dollars in clean-up costs. Where public property is defaced, that cost is ultimately paid for by taxpayers.

Crime Stoppers is offering a cash reward of up to \$1000 for information, reported to Crime Stoppers, that leads to an arrest in this case, or any unsolved felony crime; you can remain anonymous. Call Crime Stoppers (503) 823-HELP.



Homicide in SE Portland

On Monday, August 9, 1999, the body of a 61-year-old male was found inside the residence located at 3592 1/2 SE Harrison. A friend who had not heard from the victim in several weeks discovered the body. Due to the decomposition of the victim and length

of time involved, the cause of death was not immediately known. The autopsy determined that the cause of death was a gunshot wound to the head. The victim has been identified as 61 year old David Bolles.

Detectives are asking anyone

with information to call Detective Division at 823-0400. Detective Sergeant Shirley McLaughlin, Detective Sergeant Jon Rhodes and Detectives Sergeant Bill Mac Donald are assigned the investigation.

Suspect Wanted In Tennessee Arrested in Portland

On Thursday, August 12, 1999, at approximately 10:00 AM, two officers from Southeast Precinct contacted a male subject on the east bank of the Willamette River just south of the Steel Bridge.

Officers spoke with the male, who was identified as 37 year old Elton Travis Wager who had two outstanding warrants from Tennessee for two unrelated homicides, which occurred in June of 1999.

Elton Wager attempted to escape from officers and fought when they took him into custody. Elton Wager was lodged at the Multnomah County Jail.

Slaying May Be Gang-Related

More information is coming out on the man who was shot to death Friday morning in Northeast Portland.

Police found him dead at North-east Mallory and Failing streets and identified him as 22-year-old Michael Hernandez, who had just

recently been released from prison. Police are investigating the possibility that the shooting may have been gang-related.

Observing

Clean Water Task Force Presents Draft Funding Recommendation

Vancouver, WA - Clark County is conducting a second series of public gatherings to get feedback on a funding structure to pay additional county stormwater services.

The public gatherings will take place from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on:

Monday, August 23

Camas Community Center (ballroom), 718 SE 7th Ave., Camas.

Tuesday, August 24

Alki Middle School (commons area), 1800 NW Bliss Rd., Vancouver.

Wednesday, August 25

Hockinson Middle School (commons area), 15916 NE 182nd Ave., Hockinson

Thursday, August 26

La Center High School (commons area), 725 Highland Rd., La Center

Tuesday, August 31

Prairie High School (commons area), 11500 NE 117th Ave., Brush Prairie

This round of public gatherings will focus on the draft funding recommendation developed by a citizen's Clean Water Funding task force. The task force is leaning toward a recommendation in which the stormwater charge is based on a combination of land use and the amount of impervious surface, using a typical single-family house as a base unit.

The funding structure would differentiate between single-family homes on small and large lots,

multi-family units, and commercial and industrial development. There would be no charge for undeveloped land.

In addition, the draft recommendation would offer opportunities for schools to provide specific service and use Best Management Practices in lieu of paying stormwater fees.

More Info on Vancouver Homicide

On Tuesday, August 10, 1999, at approximately 3:15 a.m., officers from Central Precinct responded to a call of a man running naked in the area of SW 10th Ave and Salmon St. Officers contacted the subject, a 29 year old male, at SW Park Ave. and Salmon St. after a short foot pursuit. Officers observed blood on the individual he indicated to the officers that there was a deceased person inside a residence in Vancouver, Washington. Officers then called the Vancouver Police Department who checked the address at 9513 NE 9th Ave., and discovered a homicide had occurred.

Any additional questions regarding this investigation should be directed to Sergeant King, Vancouver Police Department, and (360) 397-2211 ext. 4713.

Attempted Abduction

On August 4, 1999, a black male suspect assaulted and attempted to abduct a Washington State Fish & Game employee while she was working at Chinook Landing in Eastern Multnomah County. The victim successfully fought off her attacker, causing him multiple lacerations to his eyes. The suspect fled the scene by stealing the victim's Government vehicle.

Suspect description:

Black male, late 20s to 30 years old, approximately 5'5" - 5'10" tall, thin build, having short black hair, a thin face with dark skin, wearing a fluorescent orange

(highway worker style) tee-shirt, a red or maroon colored vest and dark pants. Suspect last seen bleeding profusely from both eyes as a result of injuries sustained from victim.

Suspect last seen driving a stolen Government white 1998 Ford van bearing Government License Plate G4366706. Vehicle had no markings other than a "Government Fleet Sticker" in rear window. Unknown direction of travel. Suspect is believed to be in possession of two fish fillet style knives

Persons with information should contact Deputy Mike Gates, telephone number (503) 251-2471.

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