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Police say two college athletes videotaped rape

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A football player and a wrestler at Heidelberg College were arrested and expelled from school after being accused of videotaping themselves raping an unconscious woman and then showing the tape to other students. "They were proud of it," said Sarah Smith, an 18-year-old freshman from Canton. "I talked to someone who's seen it. They asked them if they wanted to watch it." Students who saw the videotape went to school officials who then called police. Nicholas Klingler, 19, of Circleville, and Nelson Pixler, 18, of Defiance, were charged Friday with three counts of rape and released on \$60,000 bond each.

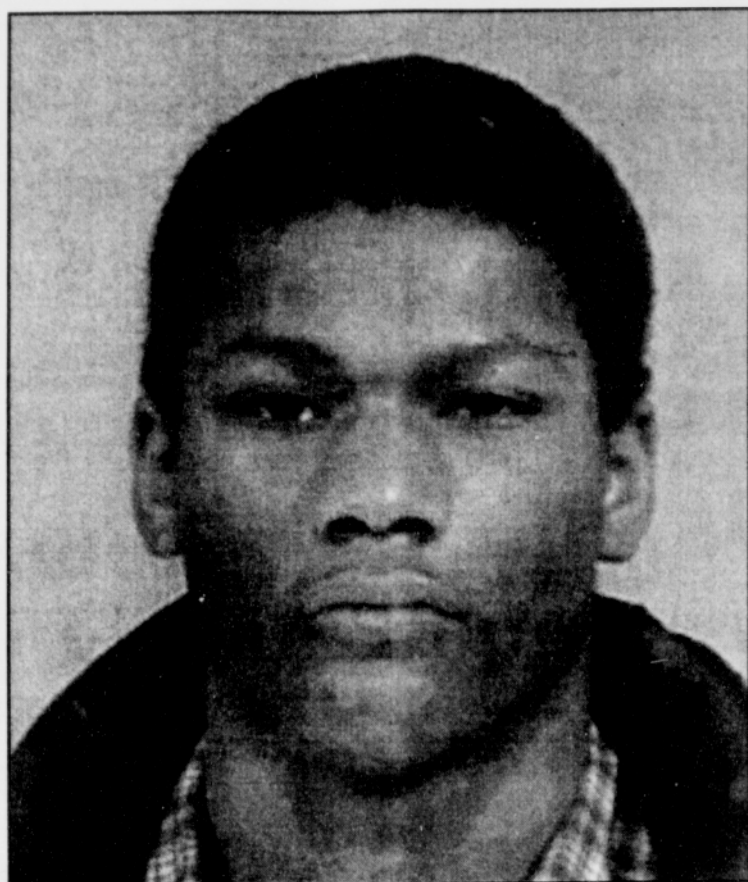
The alleged attack happened late Wednesday night and into early Thursday morning, detective Ron Green said. The videotape was found in a police search later that day, he said. The victim, an 18-year-old Bowling Green State University student, was visiting friends on campus and didn't know the two men, police said. She told police that she had been drinking at a dorm party and went into a friend's room to sleep. "She doesn't remember anything," police Lt. Michelle Craig said Monday. The victim told police that she did not consent to any sexual activity. Police said they were investigating whether any others were involved or knew about the alleged rape, but would not discuss any other details.

Effort to ease innocent motorists' suits against police fails

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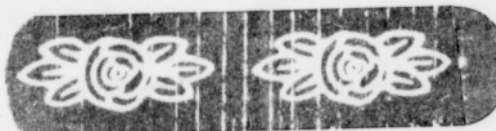
The Supreme Court today turned away a bid to make it easier for innocent motorists hurt in high-speed police chases to sue police in federal court. The court, without comment, rejected an appeal in which four California motorists argued that innocent people who sue police in such cases should not have to meet the same high legal hurdle as suspects who flee and provoke a chase. Gabriel Torres, Noni Onossian, Cyril Onossian and Herve Onossian were struck and injured by fleeing suspects in two separate accidents on California roads. Torres was driving on the Hollywood-Ventura freeway in 1994 when struck by a vehicle being chased by state police at speeds up to 130 mph. Torres was blinded in one eye, his nose was shattered and plates had to be installed in his head. The motorist pursued by police had been observed as drifting but driving at a safe speed before officers gave chase, Torres' lawyer said. The Onossians' vehicle was struck in 1991 by a car pursued in West Hollywood by Los Angeles County police. The car had been speeding and driving erratically in heavy traffic when officers began chasing it. A federal judge let Torres pursue his federal lawsuit but threw out the Onossians' claim. The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that neither lawsuit could go forward.

Crime Stoppers



Deontay Burrell Morris

Portland police Bureau Homicide Investigators in cooperation with Crime Stoppers are asking for your help in solving a murder. On Thursday, August 16, 1999, at about 9:57 in the evening, 18-year-old Deontay Burrell Morris and a female companion were walking in Pier Park, located at N. James Street and Saint Johns Avenue in North Portland. The two were standing near the restrooms when they were approached by a subject who fired several gunshots at Morris. Following the shooting, two of three individuals, were possibly male, seen running from the park toward N. James Street. A large vehicle, similar to a Ford Thunderbird with chrome trim around the taillights, was seen speeding away from the scene. Morris died of gunshot wounds to the head and neck. 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.



Partners plan to reduce holiday traffic problems

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Working as partners, Vancouver Police services, C-Tran and Westfield Shoppingtown Vancouver (formerly Vancouver Mall) have created a plan for more efficient traffic flow and citizen safety during the upcoming holiday shopping season. Vancouver Police officers will be stationed at several of the busiest intersection near the mall to provide traffic control during peak hours. Officers from Vancouver Police Mounted Patrol

Unit and the Bicycle Unit will patrol the outside area to assist with public safety issues, parking complaints and traffic flow. Officers will work closely with C-Tran bus drivers to provide a smooth, safe traffic flow for buses during the holiday season. Signs will be posted directing Motorists toward exits, and barricades will be in place to keep traffic flowing in an efficient manner. Motorist are encouraged to follow the signs and directions given by traffic control officers to make their shopping trip a safe one. For info call the agency listed above.

Pancakes on menu for Breakfast with Santa

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Breakfast with Santa Luepke Center 1009 E. McLoughlin Blvd. Vancouver, Washington. 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Dec. 4 \$4 adults, \$3 youth/senior, free for children under three. Vancouver-Clark Parks & Recreation Youth Services will hold an all-you-can-eat pancake Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, Dec. 4. The event will include a make-and-take craft area and face painting. Each child will also receive a picture with Santa. Tickets are available at Marshall Center, Norris Road Recreation Center and the Clark County Indoor Sports Center. Tickets can also be purchased at the door for \$5 adults and \$4 youth/seniors. For more information please call Jeremy Bubnick at 696-8065.

Oregon voters could be faced with opposing gun initiatives

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Activists on both sides of the gun issue will be launching ballot measures that take opposing paths in dealing with gun sales and record-keeping. Several police officials and gun-control advocates will unveil a measure that would require criminal background checks on all purchases at gun shows. The measure would also require checks anywhere more than 25 guns are displayed for sale. A pro-gun group, Oregon Gun Owners, will present an initiative that also would require background

checks at gun shows, but also would ease record-keeping requirements that have irked gun owners. In addition, it would increase prison terms for people convicted of using a firearm in a crime. During the last Legislature the House and Senate passed different bills requiring background checks at gun shows, but neither became law. During the fight, Senator Ginny Burdick threatened to file a ballot measure if a gun-show bill didn't pass. The Portland Democrat said she will file her initiative to make good on the promise.

Drug-related deaths on track to set another record in state

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Oregon's drug-related deaths for the first nine months of 1999 are up 28 percent from last year and are on track to set a new record, according to statistics that will be released today. In the first nine months, 206 people died from drug-related causes, compared with 161 in the same period last year. The upward spiral began in 1991, said Dr. Karen L. Gunson, state medical examiner. She predicts that more than 300 people will die this year in Oregon from drug-related causes. "This is a message to the people who would legalize drugs: It's not harmless" said John Horton, a Multnomah County deputy district

attorney who prosecutes drug cases. "People really are dying." Heroin continues to be the leading killer with 163 through September, a 34 percent increase from last year. The main culprit is black tar heroin, which is imported from Mexico, said Mike Kuhlman, assistant special agent in charge of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration's district office in Portland. He said the drug's use is on the rise, especially in Eugene, Salem and Portland. And some of what is landing in Oregon is stronger because it's not being cut as much, possibly contributing to the death rate, he said. "It appears that it's not changing hands as often as it otherwise

would," Kuhlman said. Fifty-nine people died from cocaine-related causes, an increase of 38 percent over the same period last year. And, meth-related deaths jumped 29 percent to 40. Drugs used in combination caused 49 deaths, up 29 percent. Authorities continue to point to methamphetamine as one of the most dangerous drugs because it's easily manufactured, causes severe health problems and leads to an increase in street crimes by users who must feed their habit. Methamphetamine use has increased since 1994, said Sgt. Larry Welty, who works drug enforcement for the Oregon State Police. He said the number of meth labs busted in Oregon is at

an all-time high. Last year, 270 were shut down in the state, and Welty predicts that will top 300 in 1999.

1000 gun locks distributed tomorrow

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Another 500 to be distributed on November 19. The Multnomah County Sheriff's Office has distributed its first shipment of 1000 gun locks. Another shipment of

500 trigger locks will be available on November 19. The public can pick up a free lock at the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office located at 12240 N.E. Glisan. An additional shipment of 1000 will be available in early December. For more information, please check our web site at www.co.multnomah.or.us/sheriff/ or call 255-3600 ext 607.

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