



Police News/Vancouver

Robbery suspect identified

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On Sunday, December 5, 1999, at 5:53 a.m. Central Precinct officers responded to an incomplete call for assistance at 6931 S.W. 15th Avenue. Upon arrival, officers evacuated the female tenant and her 29-year-old boyfriend from the house. The boyfriend, who was subsequently treated and released at OHSU Hospital, reported being assaulted

by a male acquaintance still inside the house. While officers were present at the scene, the individual still inside, crashed through a large plate glass window located at the rear of the house, falling one story to the ground. Uniform officers attempted to take the man, later identified as 29-year-old Damon Ivan Lowery of Lynnwood, Washington into custody, but met considerable resistance. Lowery

subsequently climbed a fence and attempted to flee, however he was eventually subdued and taken into custody. Lowery was immediately evaluated by medical technicians at the scene and transported to OHSU Hospital, but soon died. An autopsy conducted by the Multnomah County Medical Examiner's Office revealed Lowery died of blood loss due to a severe cut to the neck. The investigation is continuing.

Columbia Way under construction

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A Height restriction was ordered at the intersection of Columbia Way at the I-5 Bridge in Vancouver, Washington. Ongoing repair work on the I-5 Bridge on the Vancouver side requires a temporary reduction

in the road clearance on Columbia Way at the bridge. Beginning December 6, 1999 the road clearance will be reduced from 14'-6" to 7'-6". This reduction is expected to be in effect through February 12, 2000. Effective December 6, 1999 travel on Columbia Way at the I-5 Bridge will be restricted to passenger

automobiles under 7'-6" in height. This restriction will affect CTran Route 11 - Columbia Shores. For route change information contact the CTran Customer Assistance Office at (360) 695-0123. For additional project and street restriction information contact Mr. Best at Certified Coatings (503) 286-1082.

Three narcotic search warrants served

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Multnomah County Sheriffs Office Deputies from the special investigations unit served three narcotics search warrants and arrested eight people last Wednesday. The warrants were served and the investigation was in cooperation with the Fairview Police Department, Gresham Police/Multnomah County Special Emergency Response Team, Portland Police Bureau's Special Emergency Response Team and the Regional Organized Crime Narcotics Task Force. At approximately 3:00 p.m., on December 01, 1999 officers served the three warrants at two addresses

address: s where the warrants were served are: 2600 SE 174th #Q in Portland 2600 SE 174th #Q in Portland 16031 SE Stark #39 in Portland 3201 NE 223 #54 in Fairview Adrian Velazquez Sanchez (DOB September 30, 1969 was arrested on outstanding Multnomah County arrest warrants for distribution and possession of controlled substances and charged with possession, distribution and manufacturing along with his cousin and roommate Juan Lopez Velazquez (DOB December 06, 1973). Both Velazquez's rented the apartments in Fairview and on 174th. Officers located a gun and \$10,000.00 in cash at the Fairview residence, where they live, and found three ounces of cocaine and \$3000.00 at SE

174th where officers believe that the drugs were kept, packaged and sold from. Officers arrested six other individuals at the SE Stark location on a variety of charges indirectly related to this investigation. It is believed that some or all of these individuals were runners for the Velazquez's drug operation. The investigation into their role in the drug operation continues at this time. Four vehicles were also seized in the raid. The warrants served and arrests made are the result of a year long undercover narcotics investigation by the Multnomah County Special Investigations Unit. The unit has deputies in it as well as one officer from Troutdale PD and Gresham PD.

Public invited to help design community park

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Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation Services is proposing improvements to the Fisher Basin Community/School Park as part of the Parks Legacy Program. The 12.5-acre undeveloped park is located east of SE 192nd Avenue and south of SE 1st Street adjacent to the proposed Evergreen School District elementary and middle schools. Public meetings have been scheduled from 7 to 9 p.m. in the cafeteria of Harmony Elementary School, 17404-A NE 18th St. these meetings will offer an opportunity for neighbors to participate.

Residents unable to attend these meetings can provide input, or ask questions regarding the park by contacting Rodney Wojtanik at Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation Services, (360) 696-8171 or e-mail: rod.wojtanik@ci.vancouver.wa.us. Written comments can be mailed to Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation Services, P.O. Box 1995, Vancouver, WA 98668. This is an opportunity for the community to get involved in planning their park. Construction is expected to be complete by the end of 2000.

- Wednesday, Dec. 15 - Participate in discussion and refinement of the Preliminary master Plan
- Wednesday, Jan. 12 - Review and comment on the Final Master Plan



Caregiver sentenced to 18 months

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Attorney General Hardy Myers announced this week that a former Coos Bay caregiver that stole more than \$30,000 from an elderly client to support a gambling habit would spend 18 months in prison. Sentenced today in Coos County Circuit Court was Tammy Sue Stanton, who currently resides in Nevada. Stanton pleaded guilty to a felony charge of criminal financial

mistreatment in the first degree on November 10. In entering the plea, Stanton admitted that she agreed to care for a now 81-year-old Coos Bay widow in 1997 for purposes of defrauding her Stanton also told investigators that she used money from the woman to support a gambling addiction that cost as much as \$300 a day. During the time she was gambling, Stanton was supposed to be providing the elderly woman with personal care and housekeeping. Service workers visited the woman in

June 1999 and reported that both the woman and her home were dirty and unkept and that it appeared that food had not been prepared in the kitchen for a lengthy period of time. In addition to providing services to the elderly women, Stanton was employed by state Senior and Disabled Services Division (SDSD) to care for its public assistance clients. She was fired from that job in June 1999. In addition to the 18-month prison term, Judge Richard ordered Stanton to pay \$10,000 in restitution

to the victim, who currently is receiving public assistance as a result of Stanton's criminal behavior. The Department of Justice's Medicaid Fraud Unit prosecuted Stanton in conjunction with the Coos County District Attorney's Office.

It's a scientific fact - he's fuming inside

After just minutes of exposure to secondhand smoke, his immune system is weakened, blood thickens and his heart beats faster. Magnify that by a day, a week, a year, and he may as well be smoking, himself.

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White Sturgeon Art Gallery unveils with photo show

What: "Northwest Waterscapes" black and white photographic show
 Who: Loren Nelson
 Where: White Sturgeon Art Gallery, Water Resources Education Center 4600 S.E. Columbia Way
 When: Dec. 1-30, 1999 Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Loren Nelson sees water and ice differently from the rest of us. His photographs of moving and frozen water are not just images of wet weather but luminous portraits of the best of winter days in the Pacific Northwest. Nelson says, "Once in a great while I'll discover water doing the most amazing things; hovering in vast frozen

sheets over the sand; hanging on invisible spider webs; and forming enormous sculptures in the Columbia Gorge." Share his vision at the White Sturgeon Art Gallery, a new art space at the Water Resources Education Center. Art shows, focusing on emerging local artists, change monthly.

Community notification of a sex offender

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The Portland Police Bureau is notifying the community of a Registered Sex Offender living in the Portland area. ORS. 181.588 allows law enforcement agencies to release such information to the public regarding convicted offenders, who are required to register, when such information will increase public awareness and promote community safety. The Sex Offender has been convicted of a sex offense that requires he register with a law enforcement agency in Oregon. His criminal history places him in a category which indicates he may reoffend. This subject is not wanted by the police at this time. This Offender has served his sentence and is no longer being supervised by the Oregon Department of Corrections. The purpose of this community notification is to reduce the chances of further victimization by this offender as well as to promote community awareness and child safety. Intimidating, harassing, or threatening of this registered offender will not be tolerated and may be a crime. If you have any information about this offender committing additional crimes, please contact the Detectives of the Sexual Assault Detail at 823-4636. Subject's name is Gerald Lee Beagle. Beagle has been convicted of Sex Abuse 1st Degree and Dealing in Depictions of Child Sexual Conduct and is no

longer under supervision. He has targeted female children ages 3 to 10 in the past. It is believed there is a substantial risk Beagle could reoffend. Identifying Information:
 Name: Beagle, Gerald L
 Address: 12200 block SE Boise St., Portland, Oregon
 Height: 5'08"
 Weight: 175
 Hair: Brown
 Eyes: Blue
 Scars: None
 Tattoos: None
 Age: 50
 DOB: August 10, 1949
 Race: White
 Sex: Male
 Gerald Lee Beagle is a convicted sex offender for 2 counts of Sexual Abuse I February 10, 1989 and Dealing in Depictions of Sexual Conduct Involving a Child March 16, 1992. He is currently off supervision. Mr. Beagle's crimes of conviction involved juvenile females between the ages of 6 and 10. He also used threats to gain compliance with the victims. Mr. Beagle also has non-sexual crime convictions. If you have information on a crime, please notify Portland Police Bureau at (503) 823-4636.

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