

Portland Police News

Coretta Scott King Lends Support to Sharpton Fast

NEW YORK (AP) — The Rev. Al Sharpton's mother tried to convince him to stop his prison hunger strike on Sunday, but the activist is pressing on after receiving a letter of support from Coretta Scott King.

The widow of Martin Luther King Jr. said she wrote "to express my wholehearted support of your efforts."

Sharpton has been fasting since Tuesday at the Metropolitan Detention Center in Brooklyn, where he is serving a 90-day sentence for tres-

passing on U.S. Navy property during a May 1 protest on Vieques, Puerto Rico.

The Navy has used its range on Vieques, home to 9,400 people, for six decades and says it is vital for national security. Critics say the bombings pose a health threat, which the Navy denies.

Also serving sentences for their roles in the protest are City Councilman Adolfo Carrion, state Assemblyman Jose Rivera and Bronx County Democratic Party chairman Roberto Ramirez. All three were sentenced to 40 days.



Rev. Al Sharpton (left) trespasses onto a Navy base in Vieques, Puerto Rico to protest bombings on the site.

"It is a terrible tragedy that Puerto Rican children are experiencing serious illnesses as a result of the Navy's bombing exercises," King wrote to Sharpton, "and I applaud the courageous protest of the 'Vieques Four' to call attention to this injustice."

Sharpton and his wife of 21 years, Kathy, had been scheduled to renew their wedding vows Sunday at a Harlem church.

Instead, she visited him in jail, as did their teen-age daughters, Dominique and Ashley, and his mother, Ada

Sharpton, who urged him to stop fasting, said Sharpton spokeswoman Rachel Noerdlinger.

The 46-year-old activist said he would subsist solely on liquids until bombing operations on the island ceased. He has lost 8 pounds so far, Noerdlinger said.

On Thursday, the 1st U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Boston rejected motions to stay the sentences or set bail for Sharpton and the other three men convicted of federal trespassing by a judge in Puerto Rico.

Austin Police Cite President's Daughters

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Police cited President Bush's 19-year-old twin daughters for violating state alcoholic beverage laws Thursday.

It was the second offense for Jenna Bush and the first for her twin, Barbara.

Police accused Barbara Bush of being a minor in possession of alcohol and Jenna Bush of misrepresenting her age for allegedly trying to use false identification to buy alcohol, according to a statement from the Austin Police Department.

Both are Class C misdemeanors under the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Code and carry a fine of up to



Barbara (left) and Jenna Bush.

The Police Department said it received a call Tuesday night reporting minors attempting to buy alcohol at Chuy's Restaurant in Austin. Police went to the night spot but did not issue a citation.

Subsequent investigation showed, police said, that Jenna Bush allegedly ordered an alcoholic beverage and was asked to produce identification proving she was 21. She allegedly showed a valid driver's license belonging to someone else, police said. She was not served.

Witnesses said Barbara Bush and Day-Wickham were served alcohol.

"We sincerely regret any inconvenience this has caused the first

family," Chuy's restaurant said in a statement released Thursday afternoon.

Less than two weeks earlier, Jenna Bush pleaded no contest to charges of underage drinking. She was ordered to take alcohol counseling and perform community service.

The earlier punishment could be revoked, prosecutor John Wall said Wednesday. He said authorities might then seek a conviction if Jenna Bush were cited.

Police would not say where Secret Service agents were at the time the sisters were in the popular Mexican restaurant. The Secret Service wouldn't comment.

Jenna Bush's earlier no contest plea stemmed from a ticket police issued while checking for minors in possession of alcohol at nightclubs April 27.

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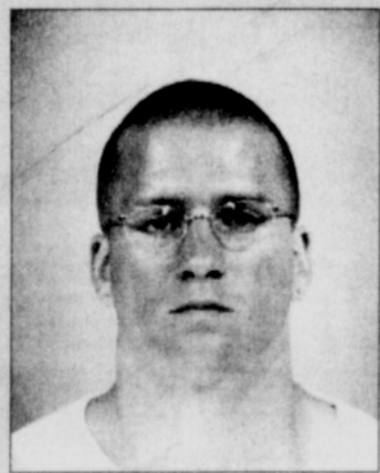
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Police Briefs

Man Charged in Eastgate Parking Lot Murders

On Thursday, May 24, a Multnomah County Grand Jury returned charges of aggravated murder and robbery against 23-year-old Matthew Justice Propst for the deaths of a man and woman found in the parking lot of the former Eastgate Theater. Propst had been arrested on May 18, for parole violation on an original charge of assault in the first degree for his involvement in a 1996 drive-by shooting.

The new indictment stems



Matthew Justice Propst

from an incident that occurred on Sunday, April 15. Just after midnight, a security officer found a vehicle with the motor still running in the parking lot of former Eastgate Theatre, 2025 S.E. 82nd Ave.

The vehicle contained the bodies of two deceased individuals, later identified as 34-year-old Ramona L. McGee, and 44-year-old Terry Lee Spencer of northeast Portland. Both had died of gunshot wounds.

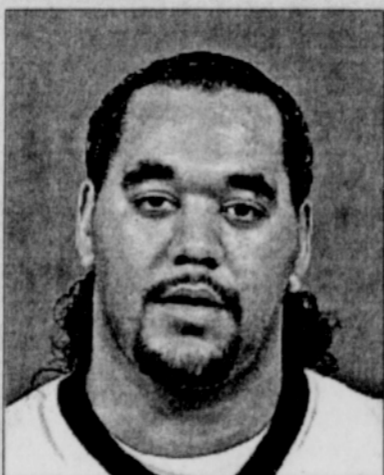
Man Wanted for Arizona Killing

The Phoenix, Arizona Police Department, in cooperation with Crime Stoppers, is asking for your help in locating and apprehending Derrick Vaughn Stevenson. A felony arrest warrant is on file charging Stevenson with murder.

Stevenson is wanted for the murder of Dwayne Curtis, who was killed in a parking lot at Market and East Van Buren in Phoenix, Arizona, on May 5, 2000.

Stevenson has family in the Portland-Vancouver area, and

may be in the company of three prostitutes who work for him. He is a 28-year-old black male, 6 feet tall, weighing approximately 200 to 240 pounds, with black hair, brown eyes, and a scar on his right shoulder. 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.



Derrick Vaughn Stevenson



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