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Three Face Federal Charges in Prostitution Case

Three Portland residents arrested by Vancouver, British Columbia, authorities for allegedly forcing an 11-year-old into prostitution were charged with similar crimes by a federal grand jury in Portland. An indictment names Jabari A. McCrory, 26, David Martin Walker, 26, and Melinda Mae Alma Carter, 25, with four counts related to taking the girl across the international border and forcing her into prostitution. Carter faces a fifth count for traveling for prostitution purposes.

The three are accused of abducting the girl in a Portland

shopping mall, beating her and drugging her. Police said they gave her LSD, speed, caffeine

Vancouver. A trial in a Canadian court is set for July 10. It is unclear when they would be

after she told them she was going to a movie but never came home.

The girl told police that her alleged captors told her she could make a lot of money by going with them to Canada. According to the U.S. indictment, Walker and Carter helped the girl buy clothes and Walker supplied her with fake identification.

The group crossed the border Feb. 21. On Feb. 24, a Vancouver vice officer spotted the girl working the street and stopped to check on her. She eventually told the officer what was happening, and police arrested her alleged captors later that day.



David Walker (from left), Jabari McCrory and Melinda Carter all face charges in an alleged forced prostitution case.

and ecstasy and forced her to work 11 to 12 hours at a time on the streets of Vancouver's infamous "kiddie stroll," an area known for prostitution.

All three are in custody in

brought back to Portland to face the U.S. charges.

The 11-year old lived with foster parents and has since been returned to them. They reported her missing Feb. 17

Interview Describes Mother's Killing Spree

The mother who allegedly drowned her five children one by one in a bathtub told police the oldest one tried to escape but she chased him through the house, the Houston Chronicle reported Friday.

In the videotaped interview with police, Andrea Yates described how she methodically killed the children June 20, the newspaper said. It quoted an unidentified police investigator as saying she spoke in a "zombie-like fashion."

Yates, a former nurse, told police that 2-year-old Luke was the first

child to be drowned, followed by Paul, 3, and John, 5. After each child died, Yates recounted on the videotape, she carried their bodies into a bedroom, put them on a bed and covered them with a sheet.

She said 7-year-old Noah walked into the bathroom and saw her holding the youngest child, 6-month-old Mary.

"What's wrong with Mary?" Noah asked his mother, according to the account.

Yates told police she chased Noah through the house, dragged him back

to the bathroom and drowned him next to Mary, the investigator told the newspaper.

Noah's body was found in the bathtub, the others in a bedroom.

The 36-year-old mother was charged late Wednesday with one count of capital murder, but that could change after more investigation, Assistant District Attorney Joe Owmbly said Friday. No decision has been made about whether to seek the death penalty, he said.

Yates appeared briefly in court Friday, her arms folded and wearing

an orange jumpsuit, and said she could not afford a lawyer. State District Judge Belinda Hill told her an attorney would be appointed for her.

"This is the most horrendous thing that I have ever seen," said Owmbly, a 15-year prosecutor who said he has handled a dozen capital murder cases.

"I mean, we have five children at the morgue," he told CNN.

Preliminary results from autopsies conducted Thursday indicate the children drowned, Harris County Medical Examiner Dr. Joye Carter said.

Police Ask For Help in Assault Case

The Portland Police Bureau, in cooperation with Crime Stoppers, is asking for your help in a case in which two off duty police officers were assaulted.

On Saturday, May 26 at about 2:30 in the morning, two off duty Portland Police Officers were assaulted at SW 4th and Washington in downtown Portland. One of the officers suffered a stab wound in the attack. Investigators believe the incident took place when a group of individuals recognized the two as police officers,

and assaulted them as they left a birthday gathering at a restaurant. Taken from one of

lot in the area of North Kilpatrick Street and Fenwick Avenue. Investigators would like to recover the money clip or speak with anyone who may have knowledge of its whereabouts. A cash reward is being offered for the return of the money clip, or information leading to its recovery.

As always, 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.



Recovery of a money clip, like the one above, could help police solve a crime.

the officers, was a gold colored money clip that investigators believed was tossed into a vacant

Search Warrant Nets Two Arrests

A search warrant at 2615 Neals Lane in Vancouver was executed June 18 pursuant to an investigation that indicated that David Aradoz was in possession of property stolen by his wife, Alisha Aradoz.

Police say Alisha Aradoz illegally used the identity of another person, obtained credit and conducted several transactions at local merchants in the

Vancouver area. During the search of the residence, detectives recovered quantities of suspected methamphetamine and numerous stolen items including tools, computer equipment, checks and U.S. mail. Also recovered were counterfeit checks and ID cards. Additionally, several documents were recovered which contained personal information on

persons in the Clark County area.

David Aradoz was booked into the Clark County Jail on one count of possession of a controlled substance, and one count of possession of stolen property.

Judy Majdali, a guest staying in the residence was booked into the Clark County Jail on one count of possession of a controlled substance.

Woman Dies in Auto Crime Scene

A woman died early Sunday after she was thrown from a car being chased by police.

Julie M. McLean, 33, of Battle Ground was thrown from a car driven by 28-year-old Wayne W. Cole of Portland. Cole, who also was thrown from the wreckage,

was in fair condition Sunday at OHSU Hospital. He faces an accusation of first-degree manslaughter.

The chase reached speeds of 100 mph and stretched for more than 20 miles, from north of Vancouver to south Gresham. It started after a

fight in an apartment parking lot in Hazel Dell, Wash., shortly after 1:30 a.m., said Sgt. Craig Randall of the Clark County Sheriff's Office. The chase ended when the car hit a tree, throwing McLean and Cole from the car.

Device Detonated at I-5 Rest Stop

An apparent illegal firework found taped underneath a freeway rest area picnic table was detonated Thursday by a bomb squad.

The device, found at the Interstate 5 rest area north of Vancouver was about

the size of a beer can, State Trooper Greg Little said.

There was a cigarette taped to the fuse, but it was unlit or went out.

A motorist spotted the device shortly before noon at the Gee Creek rest area. It

was reported to a state Transportation Department employee who called police.

The rest area was closed while a bomb squad from Portland responded and detonated the device. The area then reopened.

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