

Police News/Vancouver

Child Prostitution Case Continues to Unfold

(AP) - Charges against three Americans accused of bringing an 11-year-old girl to Vancouver, British Columbia and forcing her into prostitution were dismissed Tuesday after a judge rejected the child's videotaped statement.

Provincial court Judge William Kitchen ruled the girl's videotaped statement was credible but

not compelling enough by itself to sustain charges against the two men and one woman.

The girl, who lives in Portland, is a ward of the state and her legal guardian said it wouldn't be in the child's best interest to return to testify.

But Kitchen said that although the girl was told by police in the

videotape that she may be required to appear as a witness, they and the Crown didn't do enough to bring her here to testify against the three.

"Much, much more should have been done to attempt to secure her attendance," Kitchen said.

However, the three accused - Jabari McCrory, David Martin

Walker and Melinda Mae Carter aren't in the clear yet.

The accused, all in their 20s, have been held since February on charges of abduction of a minor under the age of 14, living off the avails of prostitution, sexual interference and assault.

They will remain in custody and be returned to Portland where

U.S. authorities have indicted them on similar charges.

The girl told Canadian authorities in February that she met her captors in a Portland shopping mall and they promised she would make money by going with them to Canada.

Police said the girl was then dumped onto the streets of

Vancouver, to sell herself and was loaded with acid, speed, caffeine and Ecstasy.

A Vancouver police officer spotted the girl on a street known for prostitution - "the kiddie stroll" - and stopped to check on her.

The girl quickly told her story, including the fact that she was only 11.

MAX Train Employee Arrested in Sex Case



Patrick VanHorn

Police say a MAX light rail employee may have sexually abused a teenager while he was operating a train. On July 24, 36 year old Patrick VanHorn of northeast Portland was arrested.

Police say the incident involving the 14 year old girl took place on July 19 while the MAX train was headed towards Gresham.

Investigators say VanHorn knew the alleged victim.

Man Wanted for Armed Robberies

Robbery investigators from the Portland Police Bureau, in cooperation with Crime Stoppers, are asking for help identifying and apprehending the suspect involved in a series of armed robberies.

Investigators believe the same individual is responsible for robberies at three off track betting locations in southwest, southeast, and northeast Portland.

The suspect is described as a black male, 30 to 40 years of age, 5'4" to 5'8" tall, stocky build, with a medium complexion and short hair, armed with a dark colored handgun.

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.



A sketch shows the suspect in a series of armed robberies.

Search Continues for Suspects in Hate Crime

On July 19, 2001 the Clark County Inter-Agency Gang Task Force served three search warrants looking for the suspects and evidence related to the beating of an African American man by four white males that occurred on the July 16. The warrants were served at 3101 Q St., 3214 Q St., and 515 W. Evergreen Blvd. These locations are the homes of three of the subjects involved in the assault.

During the investigation of this hate crime, detectives from the Clark County Inter-Agency Gang Task Force determined several of the assailants appear to be members of the skinhead/white supremacist sub-culture and that this was a racially-motivated attack.

At this time, two of the four subjects are in the Clark County Jail. However, two are still outstanding, and appears to be fleeing the authorities. Still wanted for Assault II Malicious Harassment, Malicious Mischief II are these two men: Brent W. Luyster, also known as "BJ" and Roy J. Thompson, also known as "Roy Boy." If you have any information to the whereabouts of these two or were a witness to the assault, please call detectives Marshall Henderson at 360-397-2211 ext. 4227.

Suspect Arrested for Stolen Computer Goods

On July 18, Detectives of the Vancouver Police Department's Fraud, Forgery and E-crimes Unit, arrested Warren Gene Rogers, a Hewlett Packard contract employee.

Rogers is alleged to have stolen quantities of H/P products

from the Vancouver site and selling them to a Battle Ground computer retail company.

On the same day, Vancouver police detectives and Battle Ground Police officers executed a search warrant on the residence of Warren

Rogers at 110 SE 3rd Street in Battle Ground. Recovered were numerous stolen H/P printers, and computer systems, with an estimated value of \$30,000. Seized during this police operation was approximately \$10,000 in cash as pro-

ceeds from the sale of stolen items and a vehicle allegedly used by Rogers to transport stolen items from H/P to his home.

The investigation is continuing and future arrests are anticipated.

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