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Prison Visitors Complain About Drug Detector

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(AP) — Some visitors to the Federal Correctional Institution in Sheridan say they aren't allowed to visit prisoners because a sensitive scanner there detects drug traces they pick up inadvertently. Critics say the ion scanner detects tiny quantities of drug residue from currency, taxi seats or other sources. McMinnville resident Linda Tayloe was turned away several weeks ago after she tested positive during a trip to visit her husband. Two hours later, she said, a urinalysis she requested at

McMinnville's Willamette Valley Medical Center showed no sign of drugs in her system. "I told them I'm drug-free, so I questioned them about it," Tayloe said. "They were real snotty." Ion tracking devices are widely used in U.S. airports and a growing number of prisons to test for chemicals found in explosives and illegal drugs. Sheridan started using the device in 1999. Prison spokesman Ransom Ali said that 75 to 100 visitors are scanned each week, and the machine typically reports about one

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positive reading. "Basically, if we get a hit on the machine, you can't come in to visit that day," Ali said. "The majority of drugs are brought in through — guess where — the visiting room. That's why we use it." He said the machine has with-

stood legal challenges elsewhere, although he could not cite a specific case. "We believe there are enormous logical flaws in this system," said Fritz Mulhauser, a staffer at the American Civil Liberties Union's National Capital Area

Office in Washington, D.C. Critics say the scanner may be detecting tiny particles unknowingly picked up from sources such as contaminated currency. In 1997, an FBI chemist, Tom Jourdan, told the British journal "New Scientist" that drug users can transfer traces of cocaine to the currency they use. Much of the nation's currency could be contaminated with residue from cocaine as a result. The ACLU's Mulhauser said the \$45,000 ion tracker is used increasingly in the federal prison system, which oversees 126,778

inmates in 100 prisons. He said it is being used to a lesser extent in state prisons. The scanner has prompted complaints to ACLU affiliates all around the country, he said. Oregon Corrections Department spokeswoman Perrin Damon said the state has considered using ion trackers but can't justify the cost. The state prison system conducted random drug tests on more than 500 inmates last year, she said, and less than one-third of one percent tested positive for drugs.

St. Johns Theatre Pub Gets Liquor License

The Oregon Liquor Control Commission has approved a liquor license for St. Johns Theatre Pub, located at 8704 N. Lombard. The 418-seat theater in downtown St. Johns is being revamped by Angela Nakvasil and Andrea Hansen and will operate from 4 p.m. to midnight, Monday through Friday, and 11 a.m. to midnight, Saturday and Sunday. Nakvasil is the daughter of current owner and operator Charles Nakvasil. The theater has no bar or

lounge, but Nakvasil and Hansen are installing long benches in the theater for patrons to drink beer or wine while watching films. Minors will be allowed in the theater until 7:30 p.m., when alcohol service begins. The Portland Police Bureau had given an unfavorable recommendation for the theater, because officials felt the area was saturated with liquor outlets. Six licensed alcohol premises are within a block of the theater and a state liquor store is within two blocks. In letters to the OLCC, several residents said

they favored the theater's alcohol service. Commissioners issued the limited on-premises sales license with a letter cautioning that the theater must operate as proposed, with prohibitions against loitering, public drunkenness and hard liquor sales, plus additional security lighting, keeping an incident log, and cooperation with police and neighbors. In other action, the OLCC approved a new liquor license for Alberta Street Public House at Northeast 10th and Alberta.

Police Review Director Named

Portland City Auditor Gary Blackmer has named Richard Rosenthal, a prosecutor with the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office, the new director of the Independent Police Review Board. Rosenthal most recently coordinated the investigation of police officers in the Rampart Scandal in Los Angeles. During his 15 years as a prosecutor, he also prosecuted felony and major fraud cases. The Rampart Scandal centered

on an anti-gang unit in the Los Angeles Police Department. LAPD officers alleged that other officers illegally arrested people, manufactured evidence, testified falsely at trial and in some instances beat and shot people. As a result, a number of officers were prosecuted and convicted, and more than 100 criminal convictions were overturned because prosecutors lost faith in the credibility of their police witnesses. Rosenthal coordinated the Rampart related in-

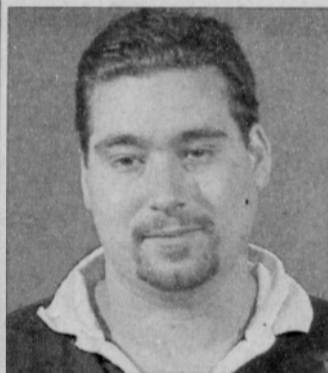
vestigations, working closely with the Internal Affairs Division. During his 15 years as a prosecutor, Rosenthal said he never met Mark Kroeker, Portland's Police Chief. Kroeker rose to the rank of Deputy Chief in the Los Angeles Police Department, before retiring several years ago. Rosenthal graduated from the Boalt Hall School of Law at the University of California, Berkeley. He will begin his duties on Oct. 1.

Assault Suspect Arrested

Roy Thompson, a Vancouver assault suspect, was taken into custody Thursday after 911 received an anonymous tip of his whereabouts. Detectives from the Clark County Inter-Agency Gang Task Force along with Vancouver Police located Thompson in the house where the original assault occurred. He was arrested without incident and booked at the Clark

County Jail. Still wanted in the case is Brent W. Luyster, also known as "B.J.", 20 years of age. Luyster is described as a white male, five feet eleven inches tall, approximately 155 pounds, with green eyes. He has short brown hair and multiple tattoos on both arms. The tattoos include swastikas and the words "White Pride". If you have any knowledge of his whereabouts, call 911.

Man Wanted for Escape, Breaking Parole



Robert Davis Stevenson
Portland Police Bureau Investigators, in cooperation with Crime Stoppers, are asking for your help in locating and apprehending Robert Davis Stevenson, a man wanted for escape and breaking parole. Stevenson is a 29-year-old white male with a date of birth of July 7, 1972. He is described as 6 foot 2 inches tall, weighing 255 pounds, with brown hair and brown eyes. Stevenson has several tattoos including the letters "RS" on his left forearm, "CANCER" on his right forearm, and a crab on his right arm. Stevenson should be considered armed and dangerous. 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.

Teacher Pleads Not Guilty

A 31-year old Vancouver middle school teacher, Kelly Michele Seidl, arraigned downtown, pleaded not guilty to a range of charges including sodomy, sex abuse, and contributing the sexual delinquency of a minor. Seidl resigned at the end of last year from Gaiser Middle School in Vancouver, where she had been a social studies and language teacher. Her alleged victim is a 14-year old girl who attends a Vancouver high school. Investigators got a search warrant to seize Seidl's computer and apparently found about 200 e-mail messages she and the girl had exchanged.



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