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Charge Against Nurse Dropped

Trespassing complaint against Mariah Taylor called a "mistake from the beginning"



Mariah Taylor

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A trespassing charge against Mariah Taylor has been dropped.

The registered nurse and founder of the North Portland Nurse Practitioner Community Health Clinic was arrested Aug. 24 for criminal trespass at the Sheridan Federal Correction Facility.

Taylor, 58, refused to leave the prison saying she was unjustly "profiled guilty" after an electronic scan was done of her hands with a false positive for illegal drugs. She was there to visit her incarcerated son.

"This arrest was a mistake from the beginning. Ms. Taylor is a sterling individual; she makes me proud to represent the Third Congressional District. I am glad my office could play a role in getting this issue resolved," Congressman Earl Blumenauer, announced last week.

The congressman's office worked with the office of the Director of Federal Bureau of Prisons in Washington, D.C., the Yamhill Sheriff's office and the Yamhill District Attorneys office to resolve this matter.

"The irony is Ms. Taylor has done so much to rid her community of drug use. She abhors drugs," Blumenauer added. "The fact that

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U.S. Attacked

Hijacked flights are used as bombing weapons to rein terror on New York, D.C., and other targets

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NEW YORK (AP) - In one of the most devastating attacks ever against the United States, terrorists crashed two airliners into the World Trade Center in a closely timed series of blows Tuesday that brought down the twin 110-story towers. A plane also slammed into the Pentagon as the government itself came under attack.

Thousands could be dead or injured, a high-ranking New York City police official said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

A fourth jetliner, apparently hijacked, crashed in Pennsylvania.

President Bush ordered a full-scale investigation to "hunt down the folks who committed this act."

Authorities had been trying to evacuate those who work in the twin towers when the glass-and-steel skyscrapers came down in a thunderous roar within about 90 minutes after the attacks, which took place minutes apart around 9 a.m. But many people were thought to have been trapped. About 50,000 people work at the Trade Center and tens of thousands of others visit each day.

American Airlines said two of its planes, both hijacked, crashed with a total of 156 people aboard, but said it could not confirm where they went down. Two United airliners with a total of 110 aboard also crashed - one outside Pittsburgh, the other in a location not immedi-



A series of photos show Tuesday's destruction of the World Trade Center towers in New York.



ately identified. Altogether, the planes had 266 people aboard.

"This is perhaps the most audacious terrorist attack that's ever taken place in the world," said Chris Yates, an aviation expert at Jane's Transport in London. "It takes a logistics operation from the terror group involved that is second to none. Only a very small handful

of terror groups is on that list. ... I would name at the top of the list Osama bin Laden."

Within the hour, the Pentagon took a direct, devastating hit from a plane. The fiery crash collapsed one side of the five-sided structure.

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Security tightened across Oregon after terror attacks



Several hundred people showed up at the American Red Cross at 3131 N. Vancouver in Portland to donate blood in the hours after the attacks in New York and Washington, D.C. The Red Cross reminds people that blood donations will be just as important in the next few days and next week as victims continue to need treatment.

BY AMALIE YOUNG
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

(AP)—Federal, state and city officials across Oregon took precautions Tuesday to ensure that buildings, dams and other facilities were safe after apparent terrorist attacks in New York City and Washington, D.C.

Still, Gov. John Kitzhaber urged Oregonians to remain calm. "There's absolutely no intelligence to suggest the state of Oregon is a target," he said in a televised news conference.

Portland General Electric's 800 or so employees at its headquarters in the downtown World Trade Center "have been

evacuated" as a security precaution, said Scott Simms, a utility spokesman.

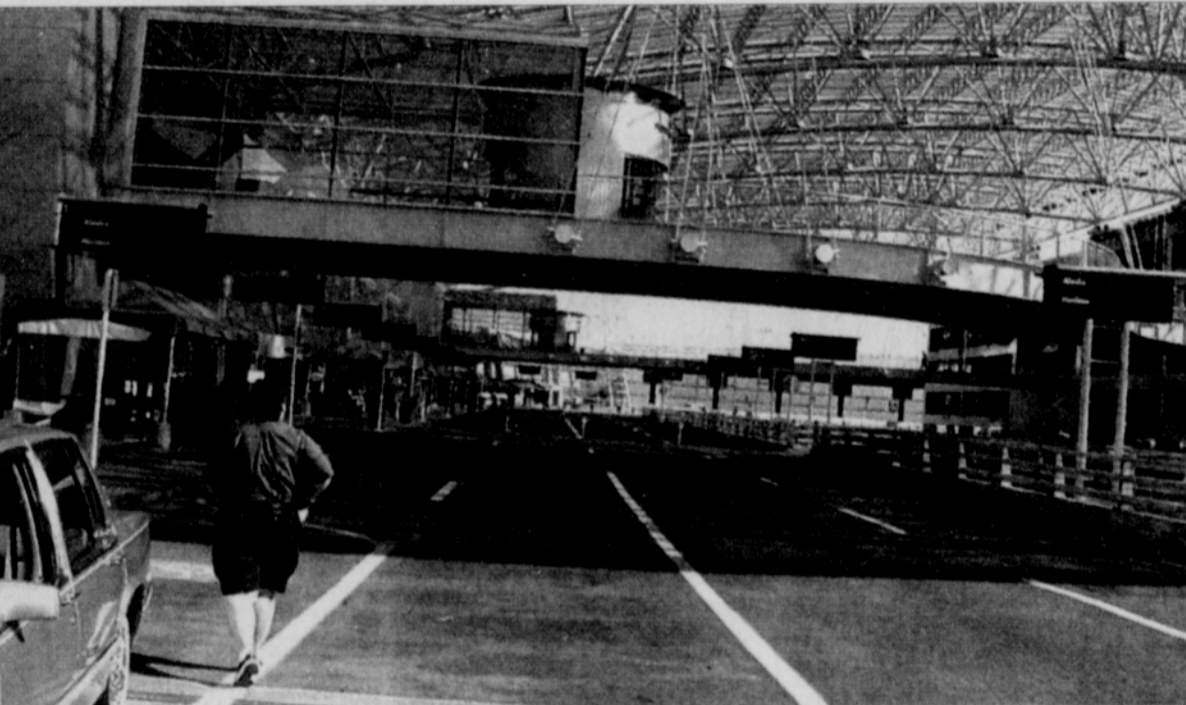
Oregon State Troopers were posted at the state Capitol, while building managers closed underground parking and closed off parking on streets nearby.

The Army's chemical weapons depot in Hermiston was placed on heightened

security, said Army spokeswoman Mary Binder. She declined to give more details.

Kingsley Field in Klamath Falls, an Oregon Air National Guard training base for F-15 fighter jets, was placed by national direction on heightened alert, along with

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All airports were closed following the East Coast attacks, including Portland International Airport, where a look of desolation took over the place late Tuesday morning after 305 flights were grounded and about 25,000 passengers had to change their plans because all departures were suspended.

PHOTOS BY MARK WASHINGTON/THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

Harassment Takes Out Portland Firefighter

Black recruit was subjected to frequent derogatory racial comments and pornographic pranks

(AP)—A black firefighter is out of work on a stress-related disability leave because of racial harassment he faced in a Portland fire station.

Rick Fizer, 31, said he was subjected to frequent derogatory racial comments and demeaning and pornographic pranks observed and overlooked by commanders at the station located off North Interstate Avenue and Going Street.

An independent investigator hired by the Portland Fire and Police Disability and Retirement Fund backed up Fizer's allegations. A fund committee reviewed the report and approved Fizer's claim without objection Aug. 24.

Fizer told the investigator he was subjected to a "gross hostile working environment" that he could no longer tolerate, and attempts to alert supervisors within the

station resulted in no improvement or action against other firefighters.

"It's almost a case study of what an organization shouldn't do when someone comes forward with a complaint like that," said City Auditor Gary Blackmer, one of the committee members. "He was made to feel like it was more of his problem. That's the kind of thing that discourages people from reporting it."

Fire Chief Ed Wilson on Friday declined to discuss Fizer's specific allegations or the fund's investigative report.

Wilson said Division Chief Rich Grace is overseeing an internal fire bureau investigation, which is expected to be done within a couple of weeks.

"I assure you that this issue is being

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