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Convicted Killer Hurls Racial Slurs at White Jury

(AP) — A 27-year-old man shouted racial slurs at a prosecutor and the all-white jury that convicted him of the murder of a man who beat him in a bar fight.

Thearone Giles of Portland was charged in the 1999 killing of Ronald Anthony Johnson, 32.

After deliberating for two hours, the jury unanimously convicted Giles Sept. 13 of murder and being a felon in possession of a firearm. He faces a life sentence with a mandatory minimum of 25

years in prison, plus 1½ years for the gun charge.

Sentencing was scheduled for Oct. 18.

After the jurors left the courtroom, Giles, who is black, turned to his mother and called the 12-member panel "sad, white trash." He angrily declared that "there's supposed to be three black people on all juries."

Then Giles glared, swore and shouted a racial slur at Eric Bergstrom, a Multnomah County deputy district attorney, and, it appeared, at John

Manning, Giles' lawyer.

Giles and Johnson were in the bar Aug. 26, 1999, when an argument escalated into a fistfight. Witnesses testified that Giles started the fight but quickly lost it to the much larger Johnson.

Giles, after being beaten to the floor, fled the restaurant on his knees but returned several seconds later with a pistol, firing several shots at Johnson, who died later that night.

Giles fled and wasn't arrested until January 2000.

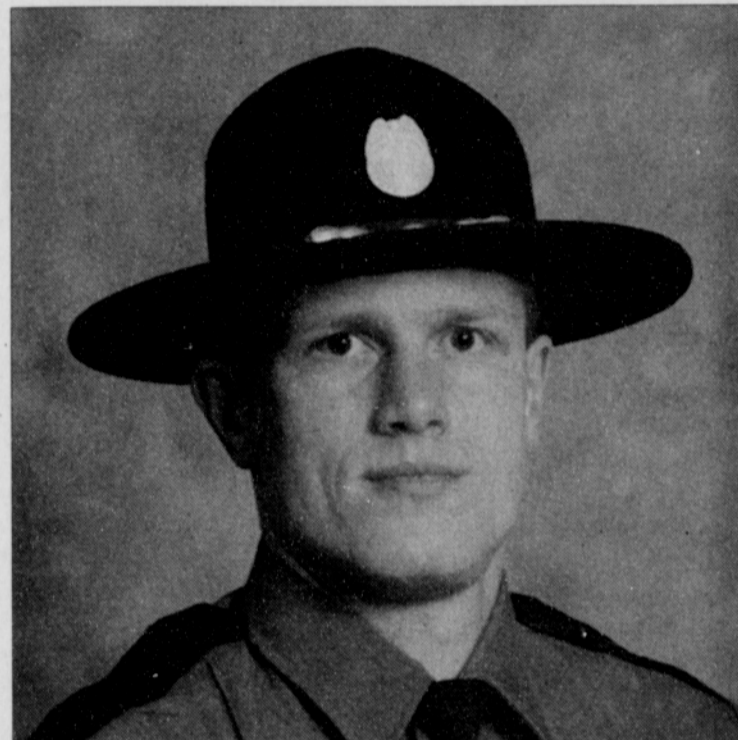
Trooper Better, Still Unconscious

An Oregon State Police sergeant who was hit by a truck last month has been upgraded from serious to fair condition.

Forty-one-year-old Sgt. John Burright is still in a coma but his vital signs have stabilized.

Nursing supervisor Phyllis Riggs at Legacy Emanuel Hospital and Health Center in Portland said Sunday that Burright has been moved from a critical care unit.

Burright has been in a coma since the Sept. 4 accident in which he was hit by a pickup as he and two other officers were helping a stranded motorist on northbound Interstate 5, about eight miles south of Salem.



Sgt. John Burright

NE Neighbors Told of Sex Offenders

The Portland Police Bureau is notifying the community of two registered sex offenders living in northeast Portland to increase public awareness and promote community safety.

The men have a criminal history that places them in a category, which indicates they may reoffend, police said. They are not wanted by law enforcement at this time.

Intimidating, harassing, or

threatening of these registered offenders will not be tolerated and may be a crime, police added.

One of the men is identified as Quintin Jay Andrew, 38, 6 feet, 1 inch tall, 215 pounds with black hair and brown eyes.

Andrew was convicted of rape in 1988 involving an adult female. He lives in the 6300 Block of Northeast 26th Avenue.

The second man is identified as Booker Todd Williams, 34, 5

feet, 10 inches tall, 220 pounds, with black hair and brown eyes.

Williams was convicted of two counts of rape and one count of attempted rape in 1990 involving a juvenile female known to him. He lives in the 6400 Block of Northeast 8th Avenue.

If you have any information about these offenders committing additional crimes, contact detectives of the Sex & Bias Crimes Detail at 503-823-4636.

Clark County Publishes Phone Guide

Vancouver area residents now have an easy way to get information about building permits, weed management, auto licensing or other services provided by Clark County government.

Frequently called phone numbers for everything from abandoned vehicles to

zoning are listed in the county's new telephone directory.

In addition to phone numbers organized alphabetically by services, the handy one-page brochure also lists main numbers for all Clark County departments and elected officials, plus TDD numbers for

the hearing and speech impaired.

The directory is also available electronically on the county's web site at <http://www.co.clark.wa.us/site/phone/telintro.htm>.

For a printed copy, call Terrie Pace at 360-397-6012 extension 3.

Women Sentenced for Bus Accident Claims

(AP) - Three women have been sentenced for filing false injury claims that they were injured in a bus accident in 1999.

The women claimed they were injured when a bus lost its brakes on Southwest Barbur Boulevard and smashed two parked cars.

During the investigation, Tri-Met police discovered that 28-year-old Kelly Hannah told her co-workers about the accident and later swore that they weren't on the bus when they weren't. Thirty-four-year-old Michelle Williams and 33-year-old Traci Smith of Portland later filed injury claims against Tri-Met.

Williams was awarded six thousand dollars in damages when the case went to arbitration. Smith's case was scheduled to go to arbitration when investigators discovered she and Williams had both clocked into work before the accident occurred.

The three were indicted on perjury, theft and conspiracy charges. Smith was sentenced to 15 days in jail and ordered to pay restitution. Williams was sentenced to eight days in jail and ordered to pay restitution. Hannah was sentenced to probation and ordered to pay restitution.

Comment Sought on Northeast Liquor Licenses

All liquor licenses located north of Burnside, in northeast and north, and northwest neighborhoods will expire at the end of the year.

As a part of the renewal process, the City of Portland is asking for information regarding liquor establishments with ongoing problems.

The comments will be considered in reviews of licensees in order to make a recommendation to the Oregon Liquor Control Commission.

According to city officials, the role of neighbors, neighborhood associations and business asso-

ciations is very important in the licensing process.

Concerned neighbors and community organizations wishing to oppose a license renewal are asked to identify problem locations and advise the Office of Neighborhood Involvement by Nov 9.

If there are concerns regarding any liquor location but neighbors do not wish to formally oppose the outlet's renewal, this is an excellent time to bring these issues to the city's attention so that we can work with the licensees to resolve specific problems informally, city officials said.

Student Armed With Gun Suspended

A 16-year-old high school student who allegedly brought a loaded pistol to school last week faces expulsion.

Police say a trace showed the gun had been stolen last year from a North Portland home.

The student told police he brought the gun to Madison High School for self-defense after a gang member fired at him two days

before.

The student, a junior, is charged with theft, unlawful possession of a firearm and unlawful possession of a firearm in a public building. He was taken to a juvenile detention center in Multnomah County.

The student has been suspended, and an expulsion hearing is pending.

African American Wellness Week 2001

Presented by the African American Health Coalition, Inc.
Theme: *Body, Mind & Soul, A Holistic Approach to Wellness*

1st: Blues Day, a Mental Health Summit

Wednesday, October 17th, beginning @ Noon until 8 p.m.

Cascade Campus of Portland Community College
705 NE Killingsworth

- FREE**
- Blues Music - Kirk Green Band
 - Workshops
 - Key Note Speaker: Dr. Julia A. Boyd, Author "Can I Get a Witness?"
 - Exhibits
 - Food

Then 6th Annual African American Wellness Village

Saturday, October 20th, from 9AM to 5PM

@ Blazer Boys & Girls Club

5150 NE Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

FREE

Dental Screening & Work	Vision & Hearing Tests
Blood Lead Level Testing	Stroke Assessment
Foot Massage / Foot Care	Glaucoma Screening
Glucose, Blood Pressure & Urine Protein	Bloodmobile
Flu & Tetanus Shots	Chiropractic Evaluation
HIV & Hep. C Testing	Chair Massage Therapy
Oregon Health Plan	Asthma & Allergies
Musculoskeletal	Scoliosis

- ♥ Gospel Choir
- ♥ Wellness Walk
- ♥ Exhibits
- ♥ Workshops
- ♥ Salsa Dancing
- ♥ Door Prizes
- ♥ FUN
- ♥ Children's Hut

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