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## Security Repels Cruise Ships

(AP) — Big cruise ships probably won't be able to pass through downtown Portland because of new regulations following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on the East Coast, Portland Harbormaster Russ Sill said.

The new regulations require a larger protected area around cruise ships, something that isn't practical at the downtown harbor wall.

For example, new Coast Guard rules would have required a 150-foot fenced protection zone around the 781-foot cruise ship M.S. Zaandam, which left Portland last week after docking at Terminal 4 in St. Johns.

"That would have taken most of Tom McCall Waterfront Park," Sill said.

Smaller cruise ships have been regular downtown visitors, espe-

cially when moving between summer and winter cruising areas as the Zaandam was doing.

The new security zones around ships are part of the heightened marine security implemented after the terrorist attacks.

Coast Guard Capt. James Spitzer ordered the new rules and began forming security partnerships with police agencies, shipping companies and other waterfront businesses.

"Unfortunately for our way of life, we have moved to another level of security, and I don't think we will ever go back," Spitzer said. "Anything we do must be sustainable. In a bottom-line sense, the key to success is partnering, working with other organizations."

The Coast Guard has the cooperation of the Columbia River

Steamship Operators Association, which represents all types of water commerce.

James R. Townley Jr., executive director of the association, sees the new cooperation as a way of bolstering marine safety while helping collect information useful to the national intelligence community.

Townley, a former Coast Guard captain, said that when terrorists struck, his association almost immediately began requiring a 72-hour advance notice from any vessel entering the United States, plus advance copies of the crew list. Those steps later became mandatory federal orders.

The security measures are "not obtrusive," Townley said, emphasizing that the terrorism has not interrupted the flow of commerce.

## Police Look for Clues in Southeast Murder

The Portland Police Bureau, in cooperation with Crime Stoppers, is asking for your help identifying and apprehending a murder suspect.

On Wednesday, Sept. 19 at about 9:30 in the morning, the body of 21-year-old Nicholas Robert Moore was found over an embankment on Southeast McLoughlin Boulevard near the east end of the Ross Island Bridge.

According to the Multnomah County Medical Examiners Office, Moore died from multiple stab wounds.



Nicholas Robert Moore

He was wearing a yellow T-shirt, blue pants, and brown hiking boots.

Moore did not have a per-

manent address, was last seen alive on the evening of Monday, Sept. 17, in downtown Portland. Investigators would like to hear from anyone who may have information in this case, or know of Moore's whereabouts on the day prior to his death.

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 need not give your name. Call Crime Stoppers at 503-823-HELP.

## Grayson Charged in Theft Case

(AP) — A federal grand jury has indicted Jeffrey Grayson, charging him with mail fraud, conspiracy, money laundering, witness tampering and paying a former union chief more than \$200,000 to help him keep Grayson's failing financial consulting firm afloat with protected pension money.

Federal authorities have been

investigating the former money manager after union trust funds gave his firm, Capital Consultants, hundreds of millions to invest before the firm collapsed last September.

Grayson's clients have lost \$355 million in failed and allegedly fraudulent investments. The Security and Exchange Commission has called it the biggest fraud by

an investment manager in U.S. history.

"It is my intention to vigorously defend myself in a court of law," Grayson told The Oregonian newspaper. "Although these times are very difficult for me from both a psychological and physical perspective, I will do my best with the assistance of legal counsel to present my side of the facts."

## Shooting Victim's Family Settles

(AP) — A Portland medical hospital will pay \$710,000 to the family of a Mexican man shot to death by police during a confrontation at the medical facility, a lawyer for the family said.

Jose Santos Victor Mejia Poot was shot by police who were called to Pacific Gateway Hospital on April 1 to calm him after he broke

free of his restraints. Shots were fired after he charged at officers with a metal pipe, police said.

Linda Ramirez, a lawyer representing the Mejia estate, said Providence Hospital, where he was treated before being taken to Pacific Gateway, will pay \$40,000.

Mejia's relatives claim he was epileptic and was not given proper

medication at the hospitals, and that translators were not made available to help him communicate with hospital staff.

The lawsuit claimed Pacific Gateway was negligent because it failed to adequately staff the hospital and failed to maintain on-site security.

## Eco-terrorism Spokesman Subpoenaed

(AP) — The U.S. House Resources Committee has agreed to subpoena a Portland man who served as spokesman for a group that has claimed responsibility for numerous acts of eco-terrorism.

From 1997 until last month, Craig Rosebraugh had been the self-described spokesman for the Earth Liberation Front, or ELF, which sabotages companies it believes damage the environment. Rosebraugh refused an earlier request to appear voluntarily before the committee.

Through Rosebraugh, the ELF claimed re-

sponsibility for acts ranging from spray-painting buildings to burning down fur farms, via messages through the North American Earth Liberation Front Press Office in Portland.

Representative Scott McNis of Colorado, chairman of the House Resources forests subcommittee, said Rosebraugh could shed light on eco-terrorism that would help Congress act to eradicate it.

In September, Rosebraugh said he would not cooperate with the committee because he said they were trying to put ELF members in jail.

## Suspect Bomb at County Building Destroyed

(AP) — After cordoning off six blocks, Portland police used an explosive-handling robot to destroy a suspicious device found outside a county building on Thursday.

"It was a potentially explosive device," said Sgt. Brian Schmautz, a police spokesman.

He declined to describe the device, saying the investigation had been turned over to the FBI.

Using a mechanical arm, the robot picked up the device and moved it down the street. The bomb squad detonated it at about 12:40 p.m., rattling the neighborhood with two explosions.

Six square blocks were cordoned off and sev-

eral homes and businesses on and around Division Street in the southeast region of the city were evacuated after the cylinder-shaped device was found about 7 a.m. in front of the three-story building. Rush-hour traffic also was backed up.

Abernethy Elementary School, located a few blocks from the site, was secured as a precaution, but classes were scheduled to continue.

The neighborhood was reopened at about 1 p.m.

The device was found at the Ford Building, where the Multnomah County facilities management division manages county-owned property.

## Arrests Made in I.D. Theft Case

A search warrant at 3167 N. Halleck St. resulted in the Aug. 2 arrest of Deanna Lenae White on more than 20 counts of identity theft.

Police said another search warrant at 3130 SE 89th Ave., Apt. C, seized identity theft evidence and receipts for the purchase of several thousands dollars of merchandise.

The items were purchased with credit cards obtained through identity theft.

During the second search warrant, detectives arrested 20-year old Miesha Johnson. Further arrests are expected in this ongoing investigation.

If you have any information that would assist the case, contact Sgt. Kevin Warren at 503-823-0466.

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