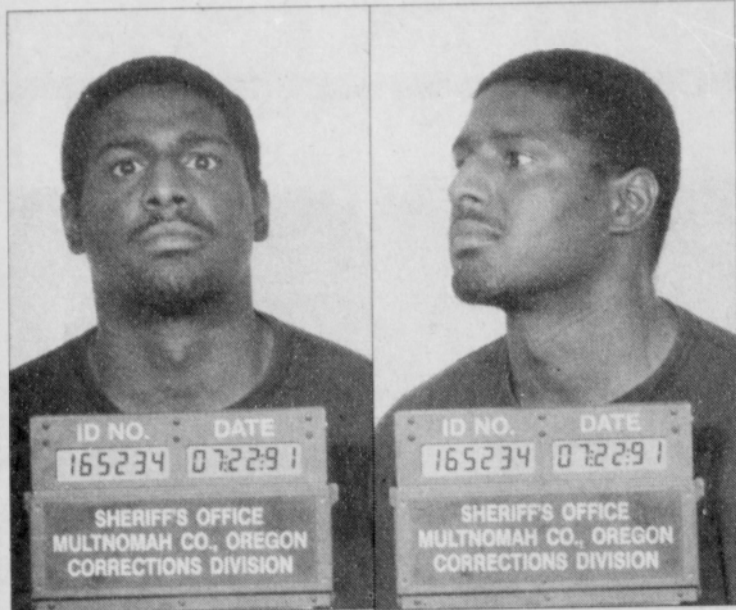


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## Pervish Gets 37 Years for Promoting Prostitution



Benjamin Pervish

Benjamin Edward Pervish, 33, of Portland was sentenced on Oct. 2 to 450 months in

prison on 22 counts of promoting prostitution, 14 counts of compelling prostitution and one

count of tampering with a witness.

In December 2000, a woman he had forced to work as a prostitute became a crime victim and went to police. A criminal investigation was initiated based on the victim's statements.

During the investigation, several more female victims were identified and agreed to speak with investigators. They described in great detail the devastation the crimes caused to themselves and their families.

Despite their fear of Pervish, three victims agreed to testify about his abuse, leading to his conviction, police said.

## Airport Police Chief to Leave Under Cloud of Discontent

(AP)—The chief of police at Portland International Airport resigned after an outside review found his department has suffered from security lapses.

The Aug. 1 review found that one officer left a loaded handgun in a public airport restroom last year, other officers were not disciplined for sleeping on the job, and some officers said they were punished for carrying out their law-enforcement duties.

Airport Police Chief Mike Brant quit Sept. 4, days after Port officials told him he could keep his job only if he made progress toward addressing problems. He has agreed to stay on the job until December as the airport's security precautions have increased following the Sept. 11 terrorists' attacks on the East Coast.

Officials have recommended

several changes with the airport police, including monthly staff meetings to improve communication, and written performance standards and annual evaluations.

Port officials commissioned the review after getting a large number of complaints and grievances from officers.

"Almost every person interviewed reported that the work environment is negative and morale is low," Rhonda Hilyer of Agreement Dynamics Inc., who interviewed 27 of the force's 40 members in June and July. "This seems to have been a continual state of affairs over the last several years, with the situation continuing to spiral down."

The most serious incident cited involved an officer leaving his loaded gun in a restroom. According to Schreiber, the officer went to use a public restroom in the

main terminal. He took off his gun belt that held a 9 mm pistol, hung it in the restroom stall, and then forgot to put it back on when he left.

A member of the public then went to use the same stall, shut the door and saw the gun and belt hanging there.

Still, the officer received the same level of discipline—a written reprimand—as another officer who missed a training seminar.

In another allegation, officers reported that inappropriate remarks and actions were made by a few officers about religion and women. The report also said that at least one current and one former member of the command staff had been vindictive toward certain officers and inappropriately interfered with promotions and investigations.

## Woman Charged in Murder at Alberta Home

A woman turned herself in to police Monday and was charged with murdering a man whose body was found Oct. 6 in a home in the 1500 block of North Alberta.

Portland police say Faafofoga Havila Abelein came to the Portland Justice Center and was interviewed by police before being charged and held without bail in the Justice Center Jail.

The victim was identified as 27-year-old Jed Gavin Thomas.

An autopsy determined he

died of a head injury. Police say dental records were used to identify him.

Police went to the home after someone reported a foul odor in the basement. Officers got a warrant to search the property and found Gavin's body on the floor of the unfinished basement, covered with a pile of clothes and blankets.

Abelein reportedly knew Thomas and had lived in the home where the body was found.

## Orozco Wanted for Lake Oswego Murder

The Lake Oswego Police Department and the Multnomah County Major Crime Team, in cooperation with Crime Stoppers, are asking for your help in locating and apprehending Marcus Kelo Orozco.

A felony arrest warrant is on file charging Orozco with aggravated murder with a firearm, robbery with a firearm, burglary with a firearm and felon in possession of a firearm.



Marcus Orozco

According to investigators, Orozco is wanted for the murder of Josh L. Toomey, which took place on Feb. 12 in Lake Oswego. Detectives have already made one arrest in the case, which is believed to be drug related.

Orozco is a 26-year-old Hispanic male with a date of birth of Sept. 26, 1974. He is described as 5 foot, 7 inches tall, weighing 175 pounds, with black hair and brown eyes. Orozco 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.**

## Judges to Retake Oath for Impartially

(AP)—The Oregon Constitution requires judges to swear to uphold the federal and state constitutions and to discharge their duties faithfully and impartially.

One problem: For more than a decade, newly elected judges have been taking a version of the oath of office that omits the words "and impartially."

Now, Oregon Supreme Court Chief Justice Wallace P. Carson Jr. is suggesting that state judges retake the oath.

The problem started more than a decade ago, when the secretary of state's office started sending out the incomplete oath to newly elected judges.

"I have absolutely no understanding how that could happen," Carson said.

Legal experts say the failure to take a complete oath does not make a judge invalid, nor would it be a reason to overturn any decisions. But no court has made a ruling on the issue.

A group of activists has been raising the oath issue since at least the beginning of the year, contending that judges who took incomplete ones are invalid and their rulings void.

Two weeks ago, a litigant raised the question during a hearing before Multnomah Circuit Judge Ellen Rosenblum. She responded by retaking the oath on the spot.

"That's one way to address it," Carson said.

## Man Arrested in Goody's Market Robbery

Frederick James Dorough, 26, has been arrested as a suspect in the Oct. 1 armed robbery of Vancouver's Goody's Market at 3814 Kauffmann.

Police officers were called to the Value Inn to make the arrest on Oct. 3. Because of the nature of the crime and information regarding Dorough's possession of firearms, necessary areas of the motel were evacuated.

## Fourth Arrest in Eastgate Theater Murders

Rakim Malik DuPriest, 41, has been taken into custody in connection with the slayings of 34-year-old Ramona L. McGee and 44-year-old Terry Lee Spencer. Their bodies were found in a vehicle in a parking lot at 2020 S.E. 82nd Ave, the site of the former Eastgate Theater.

DuPriest was arrested at the Multnomah County Courthouse, where he was making a grand jury

appearance. He was lodged in the Justice Center without bail and is the fourth person to be charged in connection with the case.

On May 24, 23-year-old Matthew Justice Propst was indicted by a grand jury on multiple counts of aggravated murder and first degree robbery. Two juveniles, whose names have not been released, have been charged with first degree robbery.

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