



POLICE/VANCOUVER

Reward Offered for Fugitive

The Multnomah County District Attorney's Office, in cooperation with Crime Stoppers, is asking for your help in identifying and apprehending an individual wanted for identity theft and possession of a controlled substance.

On March 21, a Port of Portland police officer stopped a car in which the suspect was a passenger. The individual appeared to be under the influence of drugs, and the officer located what was believed to be cocaine under the seat. The suspect was cited for possession of a controlled substance and released.



Police would like to hear from anyone who may know this man's true identity.

When asked his name, the suspect gave the false last name of Seeley with the correct informa-

tion of a real individual by that name. The real Mr. Seeley was later arrested, but then released when it was determined that the suspect had apparently used the victim's identity.

The suspect is a white male, whose first name may be Adam. Investigators would like to hear from anyone who may know his true identity and location.

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.

Former Vanport Priest Suit

BY AMALIE YOUNG
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Two women filed an \$8.6 million lawsuit against the Archdiocese of Portland on Monday, claiming they were repeatedly abused by their priest and that a nun witnessed the abuse but did nothing.

The women, sisters who are now 60 and 61 and identified only as P.L. and R.E., alleged the abuse occurred in 1948, when their family temporarily became homeless during the devastating Vanport flood.

Father Carl Wachter often visited the sisters — then 7 and 8 — at the Christie School, a home for girls operated by the archdiocese, according to the lawsuit.

During those visits, Wachter

repeatedly molested the girls, according to court documents.

A nun witnessed the abuse but continued to take the girls to see Wachter, the suit alleges.

"We have kept this as a shameful and humiliating secret for decades," the sisters said in a statement released Monday. "We wish we had the strength to do this many years ago."

Wachter died in January 1992. He served as assistant pastor or pastor from 1939 to 1983 in several Oregon parishes — including Milwaukie, Lebanon, Monroe, Coos Bay and Portland.

Archdiocese of Portland Chancellor Mary Jo Tully issued a statement on Monday, saying the archdiocese "condemns the abuse or

intentional neglect of children."

Still, the statement said, "Dealing with a lawsuit involving things which allegedly happened more than 50 years ago ... and when the priest who allegedly was involved is long since dead, presents great challenges to the legal system as well as to the archdiocese."

Oregon law allows victims of child abuse to file claims even if alleged sexual abuse took place decades earlier.

In 1999, the Oregon Supreme Court ruled that the archdiocese can be held liable as the employer of an abusive priest.

In their statement, the sisters said they decided to come forward as an example to other abuse victims.

Police Solve Child Abandonment

(AP) - Police have found the mother of a 2-year-old girl who was abandoned and passed among caregivers, but would not say where she was found or why she abandoned her daughter.

Lisa Marie Kinsey, 21, of Las Vegas apparently is "trying to get away from a person she doesn't want anything to do with" and is choosing not to have contact with her family, said Sgt. Brian Schmutz, a Portland police spokesman.

Kinsey apparently left the girl, Dina Jade Roy, with someone she barely knew in Portland early



A young girl remains in foster care after being abandoned by her mother.

last month.

Dina was initially handed from caregiver to caregiver before

somebody called the state Department of Human Services on Oct. 17. DHS obtained temporary custody of the child the next day, and police began looking for her parents.

Caregivers provided little information to police. No one had reported a missing child that matched Dina's description, making the investigation more difficult, Schmutz said.

The Multnomah County district attorney's office will determine whether to pursue criminal charges against the mother. The toddler remains at a foster home and in state custody.

Evidence Gathered in Drowning

Portland Police Bureau detectives are looking for any person who may have seen or talked with a woman who drowned in the area of the Ross Island Bridge in the early morning hours of Sept. 29.

Shannon Bren Mahaffy, 23, was found in the Willamette River. The southeast Portland woman was last seen at approximately 12:30 a.m. near the intersection of Powell Boulevard and Southeast 14th Avenue.

She was wearing a black t-shirt, black denim pants and black boots. Mahaffy was described as a white female, 5 foot, 8 inches tall and weighing 130 pounds, with dark black hair.

Anyone with information is asked to call Detective Sergeant Cheryl Kanzler at (503) 823-0865 or Detective Sergeant Paul Weatheroy at (503) 823-0458.



Shannon Mahaffy

Voice for Eco-Terrorists Ordered to Testify

(AP)—Craig Rosebraugh of Portland, a former spokesman for a group of militant environmentalists seen as terrorists by the FBI, says U.S. marshals have served him a subpoena to testify before a congressional subcommittee.

The House subcommittee on forests and forest health ordered him to appear on Feb. 12, said Rosebraugh, who sent out news releases and spoke out on behalf of the Earth Liberation Front. In a news release faxed to the

Associated Press on Thursday, he said "more actions, like those of the ELF, are needed to stop the destruction caused by greedy, corrupt corporations and politicians."

He also compared members of Congress to terrorists.

Rosebraugh said agents have conducted two raids on his home. He says he has received seven subpoenas to appear before federal grand juries investigating the ELF but has repeatedly refused to testify.

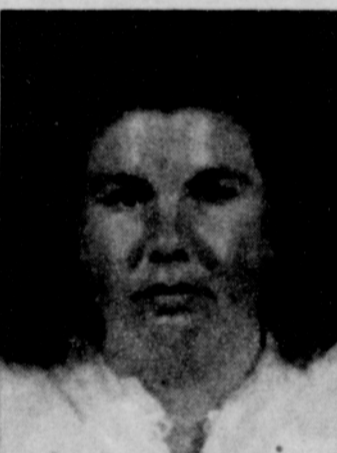
Mother to Stand Trial in Daughter's Murder

(AP) - Trial has been set for Aug. 12 for a Gresham woman charged with strangling her 20-month-old daughter during a state-supervised visit at a park.

Sharon Y. Weston, 33, is charged with aggravated murder in the death of Alexis M. Lopez.

According to testimony by Gresham Police Detective Robert Galbreath, Weston told him shortly after the killing that she considered shooting Alexis but couldn't afford a gun.

Galbreath testified that Weston also considered drowning the toddler, but said she was concerned that the pond at Gresham's Main



Sharon Y. Weston

City Park was too "out in the open" and someone could revive the child.

Galbreath said Weston told him she got the idea to strangle Alexis from a television program and brought a cord from her jacket to the visit.

The State Office for Services to Children and Families took custody of Alexis in October 2000 after Weston threatened to kill herself and the girl. In the past several years, Weston had lost custody of two other children.

On July 11, Weston met Dale A. Kraft, an employee of the state agency, and the trio drove to the park, police said.

Not long after arriving, Kraft let Weston push her daughter around in a stroller and then lost sight of them, Galbreath said.

Eventually, Weston

strangled the girl with the cord," Galbreath said.

Weston told police she then pushed the child in the stroller out of the woods and along a path until she saw the nearby Gresham Funeral Chapel, which she thought was a church. Weston approached mourners outside and asked "if there was anyone who could pray for her," Galbreath said.

One of the mourners asked her why, and Weston replied, "Because I really need praying for right now," Galbreath said.

Weston told detectives she had decided to kill her daughter after a court hearing a few days earlier that left her certain that her parental rights would be terminated.



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- Benefits of a College Education
- Developing the Vision
- Understanding the Admissions Process
- Unlocking the Mystery of Financial Aid
- What Should I Know Now to Plan for College?
- Exploring the Options - Dispelling the Myths

This is a great opportunity to get a jump-start on your future. There will be door prizes and snacks provided for the day.

WHERE AND WHEN:

Mt. Olivet Baptist Church
Family Life Center
8725 N. Chautauqua Blvd., Portland, Oregon
November 17, 9 a.m. to noon

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