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Former Radical Gets Life for Slaying Deputy in Shootout



Jamil Abdullah Al-Amin

(AP) — Rejecting the prosecution's call for a death sentence, a jury in Atlanta, Ga. sentenced the former '60s radical known as H. Rap Brown to

life in prison for killing a sheriff's deputy in a shootout two years ago.

The jury deliberated for about five hours March 13 before deciding to spare the life of the Muslim cleric now called Jamil Abdullah Al-Amin. He will not have a chance at parole.

Al-Amin, wearing the robes and hat of a cleric, showed no emotion when the sentence was read.

Al-Amin was convicted of killing Deputy Ricky Kinchen as the officer tried to serve him with an arrest warrant. Another deputy was wounded, but survived and identified Al-Amin as

the gunman.

Al-Amin leads one of the nation's largest black Muslim groups, the National Ummah. The movement, which has formed 36 mosques around the nation, is credited with revitalizing poverty-stricken pockets such as Atlanta's West End, where he owned a grocery store.

Defense attorneys had pleaded with the jury to spare Al-Amin, who was described by character witnesses as a peaceful religious leader.

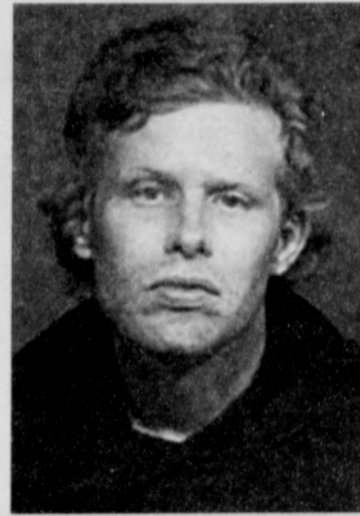
Prosecutors portrayed Al-Amin as a deliberate killer who deprived a family of a husband, son and father.

Downtown Murder Suspect Arrested in California

(AP) — After a day on the loose, a suspect in the shooting death of a man on a downtown street was arrested in Northern California.

Robert E. Heinz, 34, of Beaverton, was captured at about 6:30 p.m. March 12 following a chase, said Sgt. Brian Schmautz, a Portland police spokesman.

Heinz had wrecked his car and was found nearby in the bushes, according to Humboldt County sheriff's Sgt. Michael Thomas. The suspect held a gun to his head and threatened



Robert E. Heinz

to shoot himself, but deputies persuaded him to surrender, he said.

The warrant for Heinz had been issued earlier in the day. It alleged that he shot Richard Ballantine at close range and casually walked away before being chased by a crowd near Pioneer Courthouse Square just before noon on March 11.

Ballantine, 42, died at a hospital after telling witnesses that he knew the suspect, and the suspect wanted Xanax, a tranquilizer used for anxiety disorders.

Arrests Follow Bank Robbery

(AP) — Three men were arrested last week after an attempted armed bank robbery turned into a four-hour standoff in downtown Portland.

The standoff ended March 12 when police arrested an armed suspect who had barricaded himself inside a 24-story apartment complex.

A suspected accomplice was arrested just inside the

apartment building shortly after the alleged heist, police said. A third man, who was in the eighth-floor apartment with the armed suspect, also surrendered to police.

Two 9-mm rounds were fired during the robbery at a Wells Fargo bank on Portland's busy Fifth Avenue, but no one was injured. Police said no hostages were involved in the standoff.

The incident began at 2:15 p.m., when the gunman wearing a ski mask entered the bank, told everyone to stand behind the teller's counter and demanded money, said Beth Anne Steele, spokeswoman for the FBI in Portland.

The gunman fired two shots after seeing movement near the door, she said, but nobody was hurt.

Marine Drive Rape Suspect Wanted

Portland police are looking for a man accused of raping a woman in a secluded area near Northeast 125th and Marine Drive.

The alleged crime occurred Feb. 27 at about 8 p.m.

The 28-year-old victim apparently was driving in the area of Northeast 122nd and Inverness when her car stalled. As she was attempting to restart the vehicle, a male opened the unlocked passenger door and armed with a

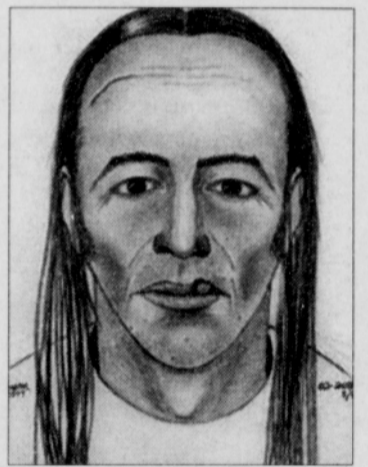
knife ordered her to drive to the secluded area where a robbery and sexual assault occurred, police said.

The suspect is described as an unkempt white male in his late 30s or early 40s, 5 foot 9 inches tall, with a thin build, waist length brown stringy hair, with a cut or infected sore on the left side of his upper lip.

The knife used in the attack is described as a survival type weapon with a silver blade. Detectives believe the suspect may be a transient who frequented the area of the MAX station at 122nd and Burnside.

Anyone with information in this investigation is asked to call either Detective Wayne Svilar at 503-823-0873 or Crime Stoppers at 503-823-HELP.

Crime Stoppers is offering a cash reward of \$1,000 for



A composite drawing shows the suspect in a rape at Northeast 125th and Marine Drive.

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Portland Auto Theft Task Force Hunts Suspect

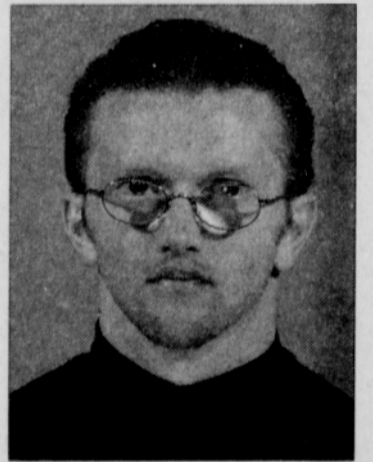
The Portland Police Bureau's Auto Theft Task Force, in cooperation with Crime Stoppers, is asking for your help in locating and apprehending Gabriel "Gabe" Bogdan.

A felony warrant charges Bogdan with unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. In addition, detectives want to question Bogdan in connection with a number of stolen vehicles.

Bogdan is a 25-year-old white male with a date of birth of April 1, 1976. He is 5 foot 8 inches tall and weighs 145 pounds, with brown hair, brown eyes, and glasses.

Police say he has friends and associates throughout Portland and Vancouver and is believed to be in the area.

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Gabe Bogdan

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Woman Jailed After Meth Falls Out of Pocket in Court

(AP) — A woman who was trying to keep her boyfriend out of jail wound up in the slammer after a packet of methamphetamine fell out of her pocket, officials said.

The episode occurred March 12 during a hearing in Clark County Superior Court in Vancouver for Randy Lee Baker, 33, accused of failing to pay court fines.

Lisa Marie Brecht, 31, of Longview, stepped forward to tell Judge James E. Rulli that she mailed in a payment for Baker last week.

"She was gesturing with her hands, which had been in her pockets, and when she took them

out the baggie flew out," court clerk Julie Brown said. "The poor defendant, he just covered his face with his hands and shook his head."

As Brecht bent down to pick up the baggie, custody officer Albin Boyse told her to put it on the table.

"The judge said to the defendant, 'I thought you were clean and doing well,' and he said, 'I am, and I thought she was, too,'" Brown said.

Brecht already was wanted for failing to pay court fines for third-degree theft and driving with a suspended license. She was jailed without bail pending a court appearance that could come as early as Wednesday.

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