



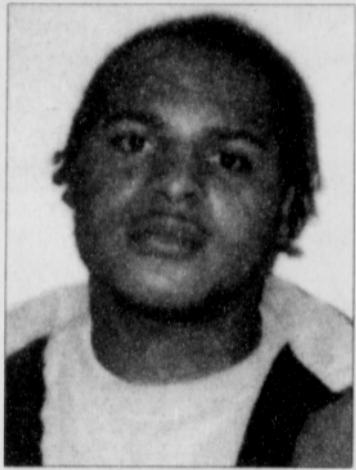
# POLICE / VANCOUVER

## Northeast Murder Unsolved After Two Years of Investigation

Portland Police Bureau Homicide Investigators, in cooperation with Crime Stoppers, are asking for your help in solving a two year old murder.

On March 2, 2000, just before 9 p.m., the body of Henry J. Johnson was found near Northeast Rodney and Shaver. Johnson, who was almost 24 years of age at the time, had been shot multiple times.

According to investigators, approximately 30 minutes before Johnson's body was discovered, there had been a report of "shots fired," in the area of Rodney and



Henry Johnson died in a shooting two years ago.

Failing, but responding officers found nothing.

Investigators believe Johnson may have been walking down the street with another individual who has not been identified at this time. Investigators have yet to establish a motive for the murder.

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.

## Lawsuit Claims Mentally Ill Languish in Jails

(AP) — Mentally ill inmates who are unfit to stand trial too often languish in county jails before they are accepted for treatment at the Oregon State Hospital, advocates claim in a lawsuit.

State law requires that suspects found mentally incompetent to stand trial be treated at the state hospital. But officials say the 400-bed hospital has a backlog.

The lawsuit was filed Tuesday in U.S. District Court in Portland after negotiations between mental health advocates and the Department of Human Services, which oversees the hospital, broke down.

Kathleen Wilde, an attorney for the Oregon Advocacy Center, said mentally ill suspects' constitutional right to due process is violated when they await trial with-

out getting treatment and medication so they can become competent to assist in their defense.

"You can't be held in a punitive setting, you've got to get the treatment," she said.

The lawsuit also is intended to push the federal court to determine how long somebody can stay in jail until they are given restorative treatment.

## \$50,000 Offered in Kidnapping Case



Oregon City Police Chief Gordon Huiras and Charles Mathews, Special Agent in Charge of the FBI in Oregon, speak to reporters last week to announce a new \$50,000 reward for information in the disappearance of two teenage girls. Authorities believe Ashley Pond and Miranda Gaddis have been kidnapped. Anyone with information is asked to call the tip line at 1-800-822-0962. (AP Photo)

## Couple Await Sentencing for Dog Killing

Jury finds husband-and-wife lawyers responsible for woman's death

(AP) — A woman whose two huge dogs mauled a neighbor to death in a San Francisco apartment building was convicted of murder and manslaughter Thursday. Her husband was found guilty of manslaughter.

Marjorie Knoller, 46, could get 15 years to life in prison for the second-degree murder conviction in the death of 33-year-old

Diane Whipple. She looked stricken upon hearing the verdict, taking several deep breaths.

Her 60-year-old husband, Robert Noel, showed no reaction. Both were also convicted of involuntary manslaughter and having a mischievous dog that killed someone.

Sentencing will take place in May.

Murder charges are rare in dog mauling cases, but prosecutors said the husband-and-wife lawyers knew their two powerful Presa Canarios were "time bombs."



Marjorie Knoller (right) listens as her attorney, Nedra Ruiz, gives closing arguments. (AP)

The prosecution brought in more than 30 witnesses who said they had been terrorized by the dogs, Bane and Hera.

The gruesome case was a sensation in San Francisco: Whipple, a successful member of the city's gay community, was savagely killed outside her door in exclusive Pacific Heights, her throat ripped open by an exotic breed of

dogs known for its ferocity.

Soon word spread that the owners were lawyers who specialized in lawsuits on behalf of inmates. They were also in the process of adopting an inmate white-supremacist gang member Paul Schneider, who officials said was trying to run a business raising Presa Canarios for use as guard dogs.

The prosecutors said the 110-pound college lacrosse coach had been bitten everywhere except the top of her head and the soles of her feet.

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