



# POLICE / VANCOUVER

## Identity Theft Suspected in Stolen Trash

Police suspect identity theft is the motive behind the stealing of trash from a Vancouver business.

On May 21, police intercepted several files stolen from the trash behind Excel Funding, a business at 6108 N.E. Hwy 99, Suite 102.

The files contained per-

sonal information such as social security numbers, banking information and credit reports for customers of the business.

Detectives have contacted all of the people listed in the recovered files. The customers were advised to take some precautionary steps to protect their credit profile.

The business owner told police that people have been breaking into their locked dumpster, and removing discarded files for months.

Persons having done business with this company are encouraged to obtain copies of their credit report to determine if any fraud has occurred.

## Man Charged in Robbery Leading to Officer's Death

(AP) — The suspect in an attempted robbery that played a part in the death of a Portland police officer has turned himself in.

Sydney Houston, 40, told police he walked into the Broadmoor Golf Course May 26 carrying what he claimed was a bomb in a white-and-blue lunch cooler. The cooler, though, was full of bricks, and Houston ran off without any cash, police and golf club staff said.

Roughly two hours later, Portland Officer Kirk Huffstetler, 32, was heading west on Northeast Marine Drive with his emergency lights and siren on to cover another officer who had stopped a potential suspect in the robbery attempt.



Officer Kirk Huffstetler died in a crash on Marine Drive while backing up another officer responding to a robbery attempt.

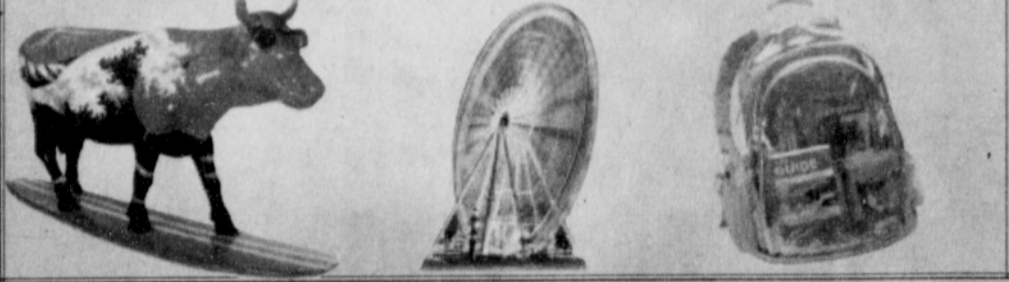
Huffstetler veered off the road, skidded for about 100 yards and slammed into a concrete wall. He died from chest injuries.

Police said speed probably was a factor, but they were investigating whether another motorist had pulled out in front of the officer. A funeral procession and memorial service was held Thursday.

Huffstetler, who had married four months ago and was expecting his first child in December, joined the Portland Police Bureau in November after he had worked for Portland School Police since 1995.

Huffstetler is the 26th Portland officer to die on duty since 1867 and the eighth to die in a car crash.

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## Woman Wanted in Elder Fraud Case

In November last year, Crime Stoppers profiled Trudy Monica Gunn, a woman wanted on outstanding warrants who is also being sought in connection with a fraud involving a senior citizen.

Several callers to Crime Stoppers stated that Gunn had lost most of her friends, because of the way she treated



Trudy Monica Gunn

them, and had basically been homeless until she met a man on the internet and moved in with him.

The exact location where the pair is living is unknown. Some callers believe they

are in the Johnson Creek Area of southeast Portland, while others believe they are in the Bor-

ing, Ore. area.

Gunn is a 46-year-old white female who is 5 foot, 5 inches tall, weighs approximately 180 pounds, has brown hair, brown eyes and a tattoo of a rose and rainbow on her abdomen.

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.

## Embezzlement Sought Suspect

The Portland Police Bureau's Financial Elder Crimes Unit, in cooperation with Crime Stoppers, is asking for your help in locating and apprehending a person known to authorities as Jane Elizabeth Maynard.

Maynard is accused of stealing a large sum of money, while employed as a bookkeeper for a small company in southeast Portland that provides equipment and supplies to visually impaired people.

Maynard is a 52 year-old white female, with a date of birth of June 21, 1949.

She is 5 foot, 5 inches tall and weighs approximately 200 pounds. She has lived, or used addresses, in Gresham, Gladstone and outer southeast Portland.

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Jane Maynard

## Girl Fights Off Attacker

Police said a 12-year-old girl in northeast Portland was able to fight off a man who tried to kidnap her as she walked near Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and Failing Street.

The girl escaped after kicking the suspect in the groin, police said.

The victim told police she had missed her school bus on the morning of May 28 and turned to walk home when a man walking behind her kept yelling at her to stop. When she didn't stop, police say the man, wearing a ski mask, ran in front of her, and yelled, "When I tell you to stop, I mean stop!"

Police say the girl, fearing he was trying to abduct her, kicked him. The suspect then struck the girl in the stomach.

The suspect is described as between 35 and 40 years old, 5 foot, 8 inches to 6 feet tall with a stocky build and wearing a blue nylon coat and black sweat pants.

Anyone with information is asked to call Portland Police at 503-823-0400.

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