

Portland POLICE / VANCOUVER

**CRIME STOPPERS
Detectives Hunt For
Armed Robbery Suspect**

Robbery detectives from the Portland Police Bureau, in cooperation with Crime Stoppers, are asking for your help in identifying and apprehending a man believed responsible for a series of armed robberies.

Robbery locations thus far have included a video store, a printing shop and two dry cleaning establishments. The suspect may also be responsible for armed robberies in Clackamas County.

The man, who is "very calm" while brandishing a silver semi-automatic handgun, is described as a 50 to 60-year-old white male,

5 foot 7 inches to 5 foot 9 inches tall, with a medium build, strong upper body, round shoulders, and a gray mustache.

The suspect's clothing, which is said to be "old" but well kept, consists of a light colored "fisherman's hat," forest green sweatshirt, and blue jeans. He also wears sunglasses.

Crime Stoppers is offering a cash reward of up to \$1,000 for information, reported to Crime Stoppers, that 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.



A surveillance camera shows a man brandishing a gun in robbing a Hollywood Video store.

R. Kelly Indicted on Child Pornography Charges

Grammy-award winner says charges are unwarranted

(AP)—R&B star R. Kelly faces child pornography charges in Chicago stemming from a videotape officials say shows the Grammy winner having sex with an underage girl.

Kelly, 35, has denied he is the man in the video.

"Even though I don't believe any of these charges are warranted, I'm grateful that I will have a chance to establish the truth about me in a court of law," he said in a statement.

Kelly said he had faith in the criminal justice system and expressed confidence that when all the facts come out, "people will see that I'm no criminal."

Prosecutors said a thorough investigation, including interviews of some 50 witnesses, determined Kelly and an underage girl were the people on the tape. And FBI forensics experts determined the tape was authentic, they said.

"It's unfortunate to see Mr. Kelly's talents go to waste, but it becomes a tragedy when behavior damages a community," Police Superintendent Terry Hillard said. "The fact that he is a celebrity is of no importance to us."

The singer is known for hits ranging from the Grammy-winning, gospel-like "I Believe I Can Fly" to sexually charged material such as "Bump 'n' Grind," "Feelin' on Yo Booty" and "Your Body's Callin'."

The felony charge carries a prison term of up to 15 years and



R. Kelly

a fine of up to \$100,000.

Kelly's lawyer, Ed Genson, said the girl on the tape isn't a minor and he'll prove that in court. "The charge is that there's a young lady under the age of 18 on that tape and there isn't," Genson said.

Kelly also is the focus of at least four lawsuits, three of which accuse him of having sex with underage girls. He has acknowl-

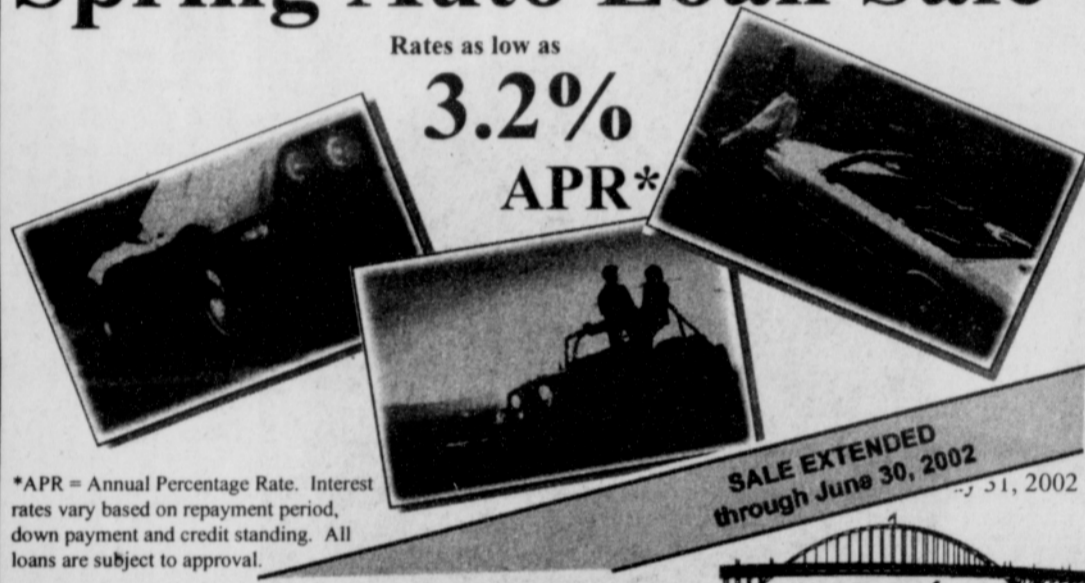
edged settling two of the lawsuits regarding underage sex, but his lawyers have said they will fight the third.

Kelly rose from childhood poverty on Chicago's South Side. He began singing for change at the city's L stops and went on to sell more than 23 million albums and own a mansion in a Chicago suburb.

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Prison Escapee Charged with Kidnapping, Rape

(AP)—A man who escaped from prison last December and allegedly raped a woman in her apartment building has been charged with kidnapping, robbery, rape, sodomy, escape and possession of a weapon.

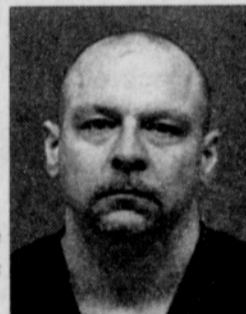
Forty-one-year-old Leighton Wayne Bates fled the Oregon State Correctional Institution in Salem on Christmas Eve by hiding in the back of a delivery truck that

left the prison's kitchen loading dock.

He jumped out of the truck near I-5 and later hid in the laundry room of a Salem apartment complex. Investigators said Bates confronted a 46-year-old woman when she entered the laundry room and raped her before her teen-age son arrived to check on her.

Bates then allegedly tied up the son and spent the night at the

Leighton Bates



apartment. Police say the next day, Christmas Day, Bates took some of the son's clothing and forced the woman to drive him to Silver Falls State Park.

Bates was arrested the next day in Salem after a corrections officer saw him walking in the city.

Family Awarded \$79.5 Million

Case stems from Portland school janitor who died from lung cancer

(AP)—The Oregon Court of Appeals has reinstated a \$79.5 million punitive damage award against Philip Morris in a lawsuit brought by relatives of an African American man from Portland who died after smoking Marlboros for four decades.

The appeals panel unanimously said the jury's punitive damage award to the family of Jesse Williams fit within federal standards.

Williams, a former Portland school janitor, died of lung cancer in 1997 at age 67 after smoking mostly Marlboro-cigarettes for 42 years.

The punitive damages were awarded for fraud on grounds that the giant tobacco company knew of the harm of smoking and concealed the facts.

The ruling issued last week by a three-judge appeals court panel reversed Circuit Judge Anna J. Brown, who said she based her decision to cut the award to \$32 million on limitations imposed by the U.S. Supreme Court.

There was little doubt about the tie between smoking and lung cancer by the late 1950s, the appeals court wrote in its opinion, "and there was absolutely no basis for a genuine

dispute on the issue by the 1970s and 1980s."

Nevertheless, the company continued a public relations campaign "asserting that smoking had not been proven to be harmful" that was intended to "give smokers a crutch to justify their continued smoking," the court wrote. "There is no evidence defendant showed any regret or changed its conduct upon the discovery of its actions."

The court said a \$79.5 million award would have little impact on a company that was making profit amounting to more than \$30 million a week.

Use of Re-Refined Motor Oil Encouraged

The Clark County Solid Waste Program in Vancouver, in partnership with a select number of auto shops, is giving motorists the opportunity to help the environment by using re-refined motor oil.

Officials hope county residents who try the re-refined oil in their vehicles will recognize its performance value, and then continue to use re-refined oil as an alternative to virgin oil. The re-refined motor oil, 76 Firebird SAE 10W-30 and SAE 20W-50, is supplied by

Don Thomas Petroleum of Portland and will be available in Vancouver at Larkin's Garage at 1708 Washington and Zinda and Sons at 9014 St. Johns.

Used oil can be re-refined to produce oil that meets or exceeds industry standards. Chrysler, General Motors, Volvo, and Mercedes-Benz all endorse the use of re-refined motor oil certified by the American Petroleum Institute.

The re-refining process removes additives, dirt, and

contaminants, leaving a pure base lubricating stock. New additives are then blended with this pure base stock to create motor oil that meets car manufacturer warranties and American Petroleum Institute specifications.

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