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Mounted Unit Moves North



Two officers with the Portland Police Bureau's mounted patrol stop to water their horses in front of Grandfather's Deli on North Mississippi Avenue. The officers had moved into north Portland from more routine rounds downtown, because of increased criminal activity around Unthank Park, a few blocks away.

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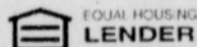


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FBI Warning Puts Seattle on Terrorism Watch

(AP)—Islamic terrorists consider Seattle an "easy target" because of bad policing, the FBI warned area officials.

Charles Mandigo, FBI special agent in charge of the Seattle office, told the King County Council that terrorists consider the area an "easy target" and an undisclosed number of potential local collaborators are "willing and able" to help commit terrorism.

Mandigo gave his assessment last week in a homeland security hearing that was closed to the public shortly after it began. His prepared remarks were released afterward by Sheriff Dave Reichert and reported Friday by the Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

"It has been noted by the highest level of our government in our nation's capital that the Seattle area has and continues to receive a disproportionate high number of terrorism threats as compared to other parts of the country, many of them coming from overseas,"



The FBI says Islamic terrorists see Seattle as an "easy target."

Mandigo said.

"None of the threats has been substantiated, but the trend is very disconcerting," Mandigo said.

He said the FBI is conducting "a significant number" of terror-

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—FBI Special Agent Charles Mandigo.

ism-related investigations in Washington State, particularly in the Seattle area, and "several of these investigations are considered to be very significant."

In an interview, Mandigo would not say how many investigations were being conducted or discuss potential terrorist supporters or cells, types of threats, potential

targets, likelihood of arrests and monitoring of people viewed as potential suspects.

However, his briefing paper singled out law enforcement staffing as a central concern, saying there was a perception of a lack of law enforcement that could allow terrorists to do their work undetected.

Police Chief Gil Kerlikowske said Mandigo's comments on potential terrorist threats are in line with other recently released information.

Kerlikowske also expressed concern about staffing, which has remained about the same for his force for the last 20 years while the city has grown by 50,000 people.

The metropolitan area ranks 13th in population nationally, but has the fifth highest crime rate, 27 percent higher than the national average, while the state has one police officer per 615 residents, compared with the national average of one per 405 residents.

Reward Offered in Vandalsim



A vandalized billboard leads to a police investigation and reward offer.

Portland Police, in cooperation with Crime Stoppers, is asking for help in identifying and apprehending the person, or persons, responsible for graffiti vandalism to certain large outdoor billboards in southeast and southwest Portland.

The vandalism has been mostly limited to billboards that advertise Coors Beer, and the graffiti on the billboards has included references to alcohol and/or the female models in the billboard ad.

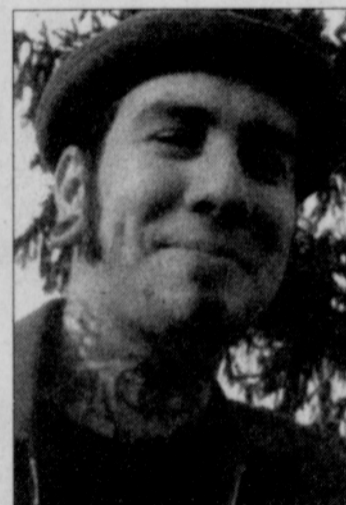
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Tattoo Artist Wanted in Assault Case

The Portland office of Crime Stoppers in cooperation with Seattle police, is asking for help in locating and apprehending Robert W. Monteleone.

A felony arrest warrant charges Monteleone with a Dec. 27, 2001 attack and attempted rape of a 28-year-old female jogger in Seattle's Woodland Park.

Robert Monteleone is a 27-year-old white male, 6 foot 2 inches tall, 190 pounds, with brown hair and brown eyes. Monteleone changes hair style and facial hair frequently, but prefers long sideburns and a goatee.



Robert W. Monteleone

Monteleone, who has worked as a "Tattoo Artist" and likes to hang out around tattoo establishments, has fancy tattoo designs that run together on his neck, arms, and torso.

Monteleone's vehicle, a red 1987 Toyota Tercel with Oregon plates, was found abandoned in Seattle.

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Child Killer Sentenced to Life in Prison

(AP)—A man accused of torturing and killing his girlfriend's 3-year-old son pleaded guilty Thursday and was sentenced to life in prison.

Robert McCann, 28, who confessed to killing Christopher Robin Peraza in August 2000, will not be eligible for parole, said Mark McDonnell, a senior deputy district attorney in Multnomah County.

McCann, who used to date Christopher's mother, Beriane

Vidal, led investigators to the boy's body inside an abandoned house in southeast Portland in September 2000.

"I would like to apologize from the heart, and accept full responsibility for my involvement in the disappearance of Christopher Peraza," McCann told the court. "As a result of my actions and the choices I made, a wonderful, lovable little boy lost his life."

Outside the courtroom, Vidal told reporters that she didn't care

about the apology.

"A person who could kill a 3-year old baby is not human," she said.

According to court papers, McCann said he took Christopher to the abandoned house because he thought the boy was interfering in his relationship with Vidal.

McCann said he wanted to teach Christopher a lesson, but then tortured the boy because he was mad at the way the toddler continued to "fuss and make noise."

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