

POLICE

Panel Wants Police to Stop Cursing Profanity complaints raise eyebrows of citizen panel

(AP) — Actors who play police can't do it on television, but real officers in Portland can curse and use foul language if they think it will help them subdue a suspect.

That Portland Police Bureau policy is coming under increasing scrutiny as nearly a quarter of public complaints against officers deal with rudeness or use of foul language during arrests.

The department's general order No. 310.40, entitled Courtesy, says, "No members shall use profanity in the performance of their duties, except where necessary to establish control.

Members of the Citizens Review Committee, a police oversight group that reviews complaints against officers,

are reviewing the bureau's policy and signaling it may be time to clean up the Courtesy order.

"We don't allow teachers to do it. We don't allow it in courtrooms. Authority figures are not allowed to use profanity to obtain compliance," said T.J. Browning, a committee member. "I just cannot buy that profanity is a control tactic."

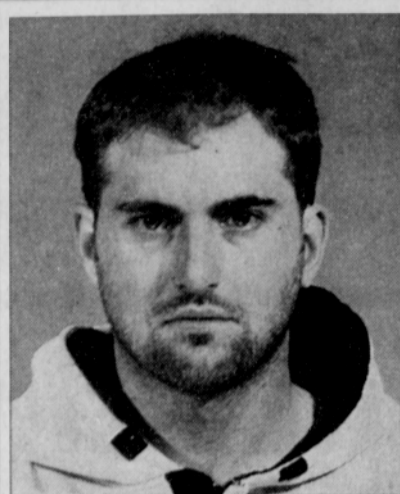
The order also states that the bureau expects officers to be respectful, courteous and considerate toward the general public and not denigrate any particular gender, race, nationality, sexual orientation, ethnic or religious group.

Portland Capt. Darrel Schenck, who

supervises the bureau's internal affairs division, said the bureau discourages officers from using profanity but feels it is warranted in certain situations.

"If an officer yells, 'Drop the blankety blank gun!' - that's the officer's way of impressing more seriousness on his command," Schenck said.

For at least three years, recurring police profanity complaints have raised the eyebrows of citizens involved in police oversight. In a 2000 report, they complained that police profanity exacerbated volatile situations, and the bureau's policy gave officers "open-ended justification" for using it.



Forrest Richard Paul

Man Shot to Death at Home

A southeast Portland man was found dead from at least one gunshot wound at a southeast Portland home Thursday, Portland police said.

The victim was identified as Forrest Richard Paul, 26, a residence of the home in the 4900 block of Southeast 76th Avenue.

Over the past six weeks, police said they have received six drug-related complaints from citizens concerned about activities at the home.

Anyone with specific information about this investigation is asked to call Detective George Weatheroy at 503-823-0886 or Detective John Brooks at 503-823-0400.

Islamic Cleric Arrested at Airport

(AP) — Tests indicated explosives residue on the luggage of a local Islamic leader arrested at the Portland Airport Sunday on charges of document fraud, a federal prosecutor said Monday at the man's arraignment.

Sheik Mohamed Abdirahman Kariye, 41, was arrested without incident around noon Sunday and booked at the Multnomah County Jail.

Kariye served as a clergyman at the Islamic Center of Portland-Masjed As-Saber, a southwest Portland mosque, according to Hussein Adam Gude, a member of the center who said he regularly attended services.

Kariye, who was born in Somalia, had lived at several addresses in east Portland since at least 1997, according to public records.

Seattle Man Charged in Terror Probe

(AP) — Federal authorities have charged a former Seattle man with conspiring to help the al-Qaida training network and set up a terrorist training camp in rural Oregon.

Earnest James Ujaama was named in a two-count indictment that accused him of conspiracy to provide material support and resources for al-Qaida and with using, carrying, possessing and discharging firearms during a crime.

The indictment contends Ujaama, 36, a Muslim born James Earnest Thompson, led a conspiracy to set up a training camp in Bly, Ore.

Federal officials said Ujaama and three co-



Earnest James Ujaama

conspirators wanted to set up terrorist training facilities in the United States. Those facilities would have trained people in military and guerrilla tactics to "promote violent jihad activities around the world."

At meetings with co-conspirators, the indictment says, Ujaama led discussions that included "the building of underground bunkers to hide ammunition and weapons, the creation of poisonous materials for public consumption, and the firebombing of vehicles."

Ujaama was arrested July 22 at an aunt's home in Denver as a material witness to terrorist activity.

Post Sept 11: Security Promises Unfulfilled

(AP) — Ken Murphy, deputy director of Oregon Emergency Management, is still waiting for federal money promised after the Sept. 11 attacks to give his agency new teeth.

He's not alone.

A year after the attacks that shook the nation's confidence, many agencies in Oregon have yet to see federal money intended to make the state safer.

And with an estimated \$860 million shortfall in Oregon's budget, the Oregon State Police have seen staff cuts of 78 people, or 10 percent.

After the terrorist attacks, Gov. John Kitzhaber separated the Oregon Emergency Management from the State Police to create a coordination center to respond to emergencies Oregon had never faced — terrorist attacks and biological warfare.

The reorganization came with more money promised from Congress — \$4.6 million for 2002 compared to \$1.9 million the previous year — that the agency would distribute to "first responders" such as local fire and police departments.

But a year later, the agency is still waiting for that money, and for promised supplemental grants to increase its 27-person staff.

"It's been frustrating to wait for all this money that President Bush has talked about," said Murphy. "We still haven't hired any additional people since Sept. 11."

Other agencies are also waiting.

At Portland International Airport, which handles about 14 million passengers a year, the Transportation Security Administration ordered an increase in security screeners, pay raises and the placement of police officers.

"By January, the airport security budget had been bumped up an additional \$4 million for 2002 to \$7.9 million. While the airport received a \$1.21 million grant as part of the 2002 Defense Appropriations Bill, airport officials say they are still waiting to see whether Congress allocates more money, casting doubt on how many more security changes will be possible, and how they'll be sustained long-term.

U.S. Coast Guard officials say the additional federal funds they've received — \$209 million on top of its \$4.67 billion budget — haven't kept pace with increased security demands placed upon them.

In July, Vice Admiral Terry Cross of the Coast Guard told a Senate subcommittee hearing in Portland that since the attacks, 25 percent of the agency's resources in the Columbia River region have gone to security, meaning less effort devoted to its other responsibilities like safety and fighting the drug trade.

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