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Six Men Sentenced in 1969 Race Riot Murder

(AP)— Six white men were handed sentences of up to three years in prison last week in the shooting death of a black woman during a 1969 race riot that has haunted York, Pa., for the past 33 years.

The defendants apologized before they were sentenced, but the victim's daughter complained that none of them had expressed any sorrow for the slaying of Lillie Belle Allen until they were in court, where an apology might lessen their punishment.

All six men pleaded guilty in August, and some testified for the prosecution in the trial earlier this year

of York's former mayor and two other white men. The mayor was acquitted; his co-defendants were found guilty and face a possible 20 years in prison.

Allen, 27, of Aiken, S.C., was killed amid 10 days of violence between blacks and whites in York. During the riots, a white police officer was also killed, more than 60 people were injured and 100 were arrested.

Allen was shot to death at twilight after she got out of her family's car to try to help her panicking sister steer the stalled vehicle away from a mob of armed white gang members.

Man Shot Dead



Domingo Gonzales was shot shortly after 4 a.m. on Sunday.

(AP)— A man is dead after a shooting in northeast Portland that closed Lombard Street for several hours.

Shortly after 4 a.m. on Sunday police arrived at the scene but found no victim. They later learned that 25-year-old Domingo Gonzales was pronounced dead at Emanuel Hospital.

He had been transported there by private car.

Neighbors say they hear shots fired from the area on a regular basis.

Others say that residents of the house where the shooting occurred often host loud parties last until morning.

Authorities are searching for evidence and speaking with witnesses.

Hate Crime Participant Finishes Prison Term

Kyle Brewster took part in baseball-bat killing of Ethiopian in 1988

(AP)— Former racist skinhead Kyle Brewster, who participated in one of Oregon's most infamous hate crimes, was released from prison Tuesday.

Brewster was convicted of first-degree manslaughter in the 1988 baseball-bat killing of an Ethiopian man in Southeast Portland. The death of the man, Mulugeta Seraw, led civil rights activists to dub Portland "Skinhead City."

The crime prompted legislators to enact Oregon's groundbreaking hate crimes

law, and sparked a violent street-level fight between Portland's skinheads and their opponents. And the murder led to a civil trial that financially crippled one of the nation's most powerful racists.

The Oregon Board of Parole and Post-Prison Supervision considered Brewster for parole on May 23, 2000. But the board declined to release him then, citing a worrisome psychological evaluation.

Instead, parole officers ordered Brewster's release on Nov. 19, 2002. His

parole will be revoked if he drinks alcohol, associates with gang members or contacts Seraw's family.

The 33-year-old inmate appears to have no ties to racist groups, said Steven Stroud, a former skinhead who leads Oregon Spotlight, a Portland-based organization that tracks hate groups. Brewster has a strong family support system, has secured work and "has a lot more going for him than the average inmate upon release," Stroud said.

Brewster was 19 when he got into a traffic fight with Seraw in the early morning hours of Nov. 13, 1988. He leapt from his car, hurled racial slurs and punched the smaller man. Ken Mieske, who was also in the car, moved behind Seraw and clubbed him in the head with a baseball bat. When the East African buckled, Mieske delivered the blow that crushed his skull. According to a prison spokeswoman, Mieske's earliest possible release date is in 2024.

Airport Screener Fired for False Breach

(AP)— Transportation authorities fired a federal screener at Portland International Airport Friday for making up a story about a security breach at a passenger checkpoint Oct. 31.

"The investigation showed there had been no breach," said Brian Turmail, a spokesman for the Transportation Security Administration. "He falsified it."

The reported breach forced the closure of two concourses and rescreen-

ing of more than 500 passengers.

The federal agency, which took over civil aviation security across the nation this fall, declined to identify the screener. Turmail said there is no known motive.

The screener had been working for the TSA for about six weeks and was placed on administrative leave the day he reported the breach, Turmail said.

An investigation found that the

screener walked up to a supervisor and reported that someone had failed to step aside for additional screening when asked to do so after going through the airport's metal detector.

The Port of Portland police immediately evacuated the concourses and ordered passengers on three planes to get off. Police and search dogs scoured the area.

Drug Enforcers Open Website

The Drug Enforcement Administration has unveiled a new website dedicated to providing information in the fight against drug crimes and traffickers, as well as information on battling addiction.

The newly revised website provides information on everything from drug facts to pictures of the country's most wanted drug fugitives.

"The idea was to make it easy for the public to find out what's going on in the fight against

drugs—not just nationally but locally," said DEA Assistant Special Agent in Charge Kenneth Magee.

Regional sites provide DEA information on a state-by-state basis.

From the DEA main website at www.dea.gov, you can link to Oregon's webpage by clicking on "Local News" icon at the left-hand side of the page. A map will appear, allowing visitors to select the Seattle Field Division region, which includes the news and state Fact Sheets for Oregon.

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