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Patterson Arrested

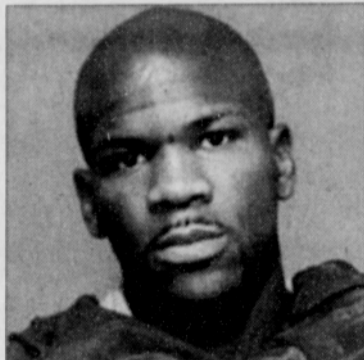
(AP) — Portland Trail Blazers forward Ruben Patterson was arrested Monday night on a felony domestic assault charge.

Tualatin police spokesman Sgt. Doug Nafziger said the five-year veteran was taken into custody after his wife, Shannon, called 911 and said he had assaulted her at their Tualatin home.

Nafziger said that when police got to the home at about 5:20 p.m., "they found that Mrs. Patterson had minor assaults."

The couple's children, ages 2 and 10, were in the house when the alleged assault took place, police said.

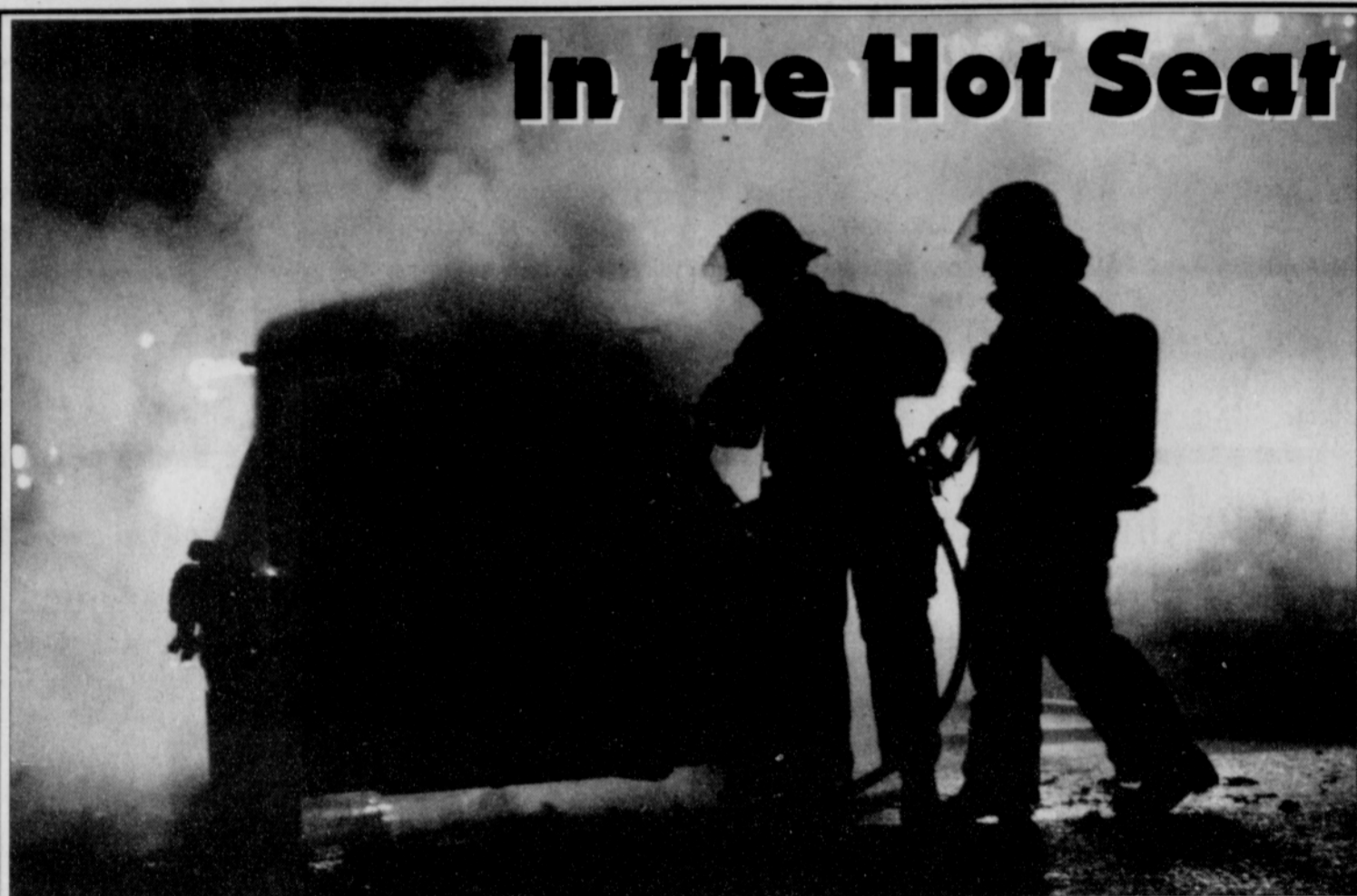
The presence of the children is enough to boost the reported incident from a misdemeanor to a felony



Blazer forward Ruben Patterson

under Oregon law, Nafziger said. Patterson was booked in the Washington County Jail, but later released after teammate Derek Anderson posted \$1,000 bail.

It's not Patterson's first run in with the law. In 2001, Patterson entered a modified guilty plea in Washington to attempted rape. The charge involved a 24-year-old nanny to his children. He did not admit guilt, but acknowledged there was enough evidence to convict him.



In the Hot Seat

Portland firefighters extinguish a car fire at Russell and Vancouver Thursday. The owner of the vehicle, an employee of Legacy Emanuel Hospital, finished her shift only to find the car in flames. The cause was determined to be electrical.

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Blazers Bounce into Judicial Court

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Wallace made public apologies. "I want to apologize to my wife and kids, to my coach and teammates," Wallace said. "We don't want this to be a distraction for Blazer basketball."

Blazers president and general manager Bob Whitsitt said he understood that fans may be disappointed but he hopes that fans know the organization does not condone this type of behavior from its players.

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law." It is the second time this year Stoudamire has been charged with marijuana possession.

In February, police found a large bag of marijuana at Stoudamire's house.

The player and his father were charged with felony possession of marijuana, but the charges against his father were dropped.

In August, a judge declared the search illegal and rejected a prosecution request to use the marijuana as evidence.

Two Injured in Shamrock Shooting

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A non-fatal shooting outside a north Portland bar was probably the result of an argument over clothes and hairstyles, not gang activity, police said.

Ricky Lee Greenwood, 21, and Donnell Lamarr Watson, 22, were drinking at the Shamrock Bar and Café on 4234 N. Interstate late Sunday night when they allegedly got into a dispute with a fellow patron.

Police said as they exited the parking lot just after midnight, the suspect, allegedly the other man in the dispute, pulled out a gun and opened fire on their car.

We have no reason to believe this was related to anything other than alcohol consumption and anger.

—Police Sgt. Brian Schmautz

alcohol consumption and anger." Schmautz said because of incomplete cooperation on behalf of the victims, the police have been unable to apprehend the suspect.

Greenwood suffered from three bullet wounds and was taken to Legacy Emanuel Hospital in a non-life threatening condition. Watson was treated and released.

"This was an incident where somebody got angry and pulled out a gun and shot," Portland Police Department Public Information Officer Sgt. Brian Schmautz said. "We have no reason to believe this was related to anything other than

Police Officer Sentenced for Fight

A former Portland police officer was sentenced to 21 months in jail Monday for his involvement in a fight while off duty.

Craig Hampton was accused of beating a man while shouting anti-gay slurs at him outside a Portland nightclub last January.

He and fellow officer Grant Bailey pleaded guilty to assault in May. Both resigned from the police department.

Woman Kidnaps Potential Husband in Iran

A 20-year-old woman in Iran has been charged with kidnapping after she tied up a man who had refused to marry her

and locked him in a basement. Local newspapers say the woman resorted to force with the aid of her mother and grandmother

after the man she admired shunned her advances. The woman is now awaiting trial.

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