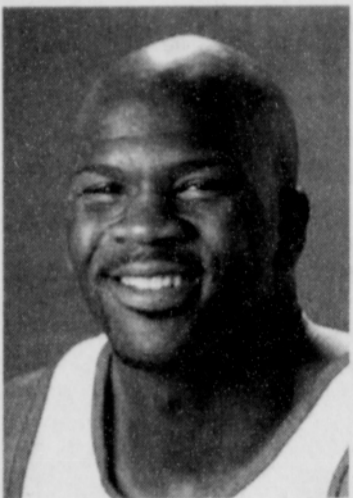


POLICE



Ruben Patterson

Charge Dropped; Team Fines Player

A domestic abuse charge against Portland Trail Blazer Ruben Patterson was dismissed last week, but incident did result in a fine from his employer.

Patterson was arrested at his Tualatin home on Nov. 25 after his wife, Shannon, called 911 and reported that her husband had assaulted her.

"The state of Oregon will not pursue criminal charges against Mr. Patterson due to the facts and circumstances of this case and the victim's wishes," Washington County District Attorney Bob Hermann said in a Dec. 3 statement.

Shannon Patterson said she did not wish the prosecution of her husband to proceed.

On Thursday, the Blazers fined the NBA forward \$100,000 for conduct detrimental to the team, the organization, its fans and the City of Portland.

In addition, the Blazers have requested that the NBA and the Players Association require Patterson to be evaluated by an expert and receive appropriate counseling.

Blazer management said if the NBA and Players Association agree to the request, Ruben will be required to participate or face a fine of \$10,000 a day until he complies.



CRIME STOPPERS

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Bookkeeper Steals \$40,000

The Portland Police Bureau, in cooperation with Crime Stoppers, is asking for your help in locating and apprehending a female subject who is known to the victim of the crime and authorities as Jane Elizabeth Maynard, but that may not be her true name.

A felony arrest warrant, charging "Jane Maynard" with first degree theft is on file in Multnomah County. According to investigators, Maynard, working as a bookkeeper for a small

company in southeast Portland, diverted over \$40,000 of the company's money to personal accounts she set up. Investigators also warn that it is possible the subject is using a different name and working somewhere as a bookkeeper.

The suspect claimed to be 53-years old and used a date of birth of June 21, 1949 on her Oregon Department of Motor Vehicles Identification Card. She is approximately 5 feet 5 inches tall and weighs



Police release a photo of a woman wanted for theft.

roughly 200 pounds, has used addresses in southeast Portland, Gresham, Troutdale and Gladstone

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, any you need not give your name. Call Crime Stoppers at 503-823-HELP.

Actress Gets Probation for Theft

Winona Ryder was sentenced to probation and community service Friday for shoplifting from Saks Fifth Avenue by a judge who warned her. "If you steal again, you will go to jail."

Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Elden Fox ordered her to pay \$10,000 in fines and restitution and perform 480 hours of community service.

Ryder, 31, made no statement to the court other than to acknowledge the judge's warning. She was also ordered to participate in a court-approved drug and psychological counseling program.

Ryder had faced up to three years in prison, but prosecutors did not recommend any time behind bars because she had no prior convictions.

"You have refused to accept personal responsibility," Fox told the actress.



Winona Ryder

"If you steal again, you will go to jail. Understand that?" he told her.

"Yes, Your Honor, I do," she replied.

The two-time Academy Award nominee was convicted last month of felony grand theft and vandalism for taking more than \$5,500 worth of merchandise at the Beverly Hills store a year ago.

In a victim's statement, Saks Fifth Avenue general counsel Kenneth Metzner told the court that Ryder made TV appearances after her arrest that made light of the crime.

He said shoplifting is serious, costing Saks more than \$7 million last year. That money could have gone to employee benefits and other purposes but "instead it went to criminals," he said. Ryder appeared to smile at that moment.

Civil Rights-Era Killing to be Reviewed

(AP)— Nearly four decades after a black woman was slain during the civil rights struggle, President Bush has requested a review of the killing and the Florida police investigation that followed.

Chief Assistant U.S. Attorney

Jim Klindt said his office probably will investigate the killing of Johnnie Mae Chappell after the Justice Department's civil rights division does preliminary work.

Bush asked for the review after former Jacksonville, Fla. sheriff's

Detective Lee Cody wrote to the federal government seeking assistance. Cody said he and his former partner, Donald Coleman, were fired for investigating the slaying without authorization in the months after the shooting.

All of these crimes took place in a very public environment. We know there are people out there who have information.

—Sgt. Ed Brumfield of the Portland Police Homicide Unit

Police, Leaders Beg for Information

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club at the time of the shooting. Asia Bell, a mother of four with no criminal record, was killed on the front porch of her North Mississippi Avenue home while celebrating her husband's 26th birthday. Her husband, Tyrone James, and Robert Milhouse, 28, were also wounded when a shooter opened fire around 10 p.m. on Nov. 20.

"All of these crimes took place in a very public environment," Brumfield said. "We are frustrated that no one has come forward with any information."

So far, the police have been unable to distinguish any motive in the three homicides. Brumfield said he could not rule out the possibility that they may be gang related. He said there does not appear to be any connection between these three cases and other recent non-fatal shootings in north and northeast Portland neighborhoods. Police are investigating a possible connection between the Gonzales killing and the shooting on Nov. 20.

Victims advocacy groups pleaded with the public to help investigators solve their investi-

gations by saying that the families of the three slain young people need closure and can only find it if those parties responsible are brought to justice. They asked for partnerships between community residents and police and public service agencies.

"We are urging, begging and pleading for you to break the silence," said Pastor Roy Tate of the Albina Ministerial Alliance. "It's time to realize enough is enough. We are tired of the violence and we want it to stop. We are not going to be satisfied until it ends."

Members of the audience, police and community leaders said they understood that people who have inside information on the crimes might not come forward for fear of retaliation. Police acknowledged that history has shown that very little of what goes on in the community goes unknown, and history has also shown it may be difficult for people to come forward and speak out against the perpetrator.

"But if you can't talk to the police — talk to the pastors," Tate said. "We do not want to have another funeral."

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