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Father Wanted in Family's Murder

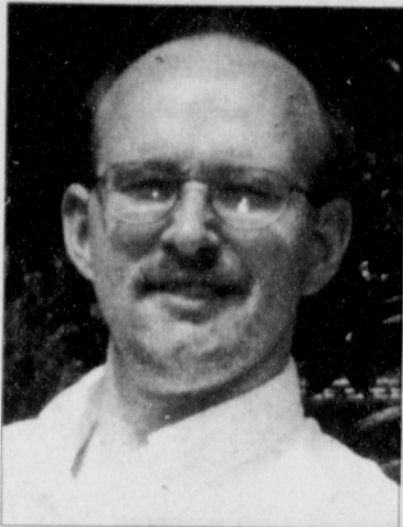
Police say north Portland man was in The Dalles after deaths

(AP) — Tips poured in from across the country after an Oregon man charged with killing his pregnant wife and children was featured on "America's Most Wanted" police said Sunday.

The FBI has now confirmed that 37-year-old Edward Morris was in The Dalles on Dec. 20.

Investigators were led to The Dalles Sunday after a motel clerk told them a man in a gray van with plates matching those of Morris, rented a room on the night of Dec. 20, which is the date authorities believe Morris killed his family.

The man refused to show



Edward Morris

his drivers license, gave a bogus name and address and left the afternoon of the next day, the clerk said.

The clerk wrote down the license number.

The Dalles report conflicts with a report of the van in Bellingham, Wash., on the same day.

"We're still not discounting anything but it just widens our search area," said Tillamook County Sheriff Todd Anderson.

Hunters found Renee Morris and her three children in a remote, snowy patch of the Tillamook State Forest on Dec. 20th. A few days later,

Edward Morris was charged with seven counts of aggravated murder in the deaths.

Since then, a flurry of tips has come from the Bellingham, Wash. area, raising suspicion

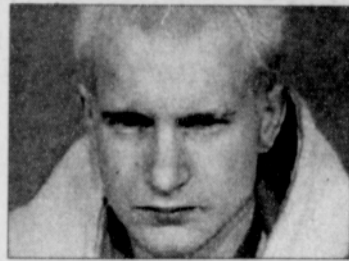
that Morris might have fled across the Canadian border.

Bellingham police said that they have received six reports of sightings of Morris since Dec. 23, including one Saturday from a McDonald's restaurant clerk who thinks she sold him breakfast the morning after Christmas.

Morris is considered armed and dangerous; investigators assume Morris is alive because the evidence doesn't prove otherwise, Anderson said.

More than 500 mourners attended a memorial service for the four victims Saturday at a north Portland church.

Man Pulls Gun on Police Officer escapes injury in struggle



Christopher Angel

(AP) — A suspected forger has been charged with impersonating a police officer and attempting to murder a police officer.

Christopher R. Angel, 22, of Portland was arrested Thursday after he allegedly pointed a handgun at Officer Melissa Gray, who was trying to arrest him at the Cash Connection in southeast Portland. It's the same check-cashing store where an officer suffered a minor injury in a shooting this fall.

Thursday's incident happened when Angel was leaving the business.

According to the police, Angel flashed a stolen badge from the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office at Gray, trying to convince her that he was a deputy sheriff.

Gray, 31, who has been with the police bureau for five years, didn't believe Angel and tried to stop him.

During the ensuing fight, Angel pushed back, pulled out a handgun, and pointed it directly at Gray, who was less than 4 feet away, police said.

Gray, believing she was about to be shot, lunged at Angel. Other officers arrived shortly before their colleague pried the gun from Angel's hand, police said.

At some point during the fight, Angel successfully cocked the handgun, which discharged as officers were attempting to make it safe, police said.

Sgt. Brian Schmutz, the Portland police spokesman, said a badge was stolen from a Clackamas County deputy's car this summer. It is unknown if it was the same badge that Angel reportedly showed.

Besides forgery, attempted murder and impersonating an officer, Angel was charged with resisting arrest and unlawful possession of a weapon.

He was arraigned Friday and is lodged in the Justice Center Jail.

State Police Brace for Cuts

(AP) — State budget cuts threaten to hamstring the forensics operations run by Oregon State Police, by terminating almost two-thirds of the program's scientists and closing all but one of seven regional crime labs, according to law enforcement authorities.

Under the Legislature's budget-balancing plan passed in September, crime lab spending is due to be slashed by almost \$1.6 million if voters defeat a three-

year income tax increase in a Jan. 28 election.

Crime lab workers will drop from 135 to 50 on Feb. 1, barring a successful tax vote or revisions by the 2003 Legislature, said Capt. Tom Dixon.

"This isn't a matter of one less trooper on the road," said Marion County Sheriff Raul Ramirez said. "This is affecting the whole state. Criminals are going to be freed without being held accountable for the crimes

they've committed, because we won't be able to effectively use all the potential evidence."

If all the cuts took effect, only one crime lab would remain open, somewhere in the Willamette Valley.

Jobs done at the labs include ballistics tests, DNA analysis, hair and fiber evaluation, and fingerprint and handwriting comparison. Lab experts go to most major crime scenes, working alongside local police.

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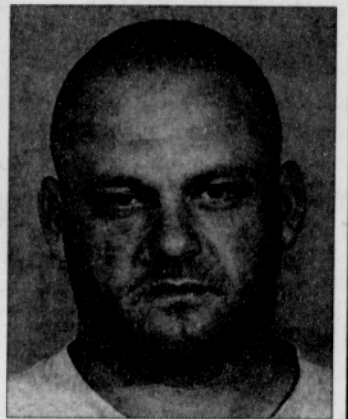
Domestic Violence Case Brings Manhunt

The Domestic Violence Reduction Unit of the Portland Police Bureau's Family Services Division, in cooperation with Crime Stoppers, is asking for your help in locating and apprehending Timothy Lamont Triplet. He is charged with assault stemming from domestic violence.

Police said Triplet goes by the alias of Daniel Keith Schreiber and a nickname "Bull." He is described

as a 39-year old white male with a date of birth of April 28, 1963. He is six feet tall and weighs approximately 240 pounds with blonde hair and blue eyes. Triplet has numerous tattoos, including "Bull", "Margo/Dog" and a star on his left arm, and "Margo" on his right arm.

Crime Stoppers is offering a cash reward of up to \$1,000 for information, reported to Crime Stoppers, which leads to an arrest in this case,



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Preparing for Disasters

Fire agencies prepare residents with life-saving training

A group of six Clark County fire agencies are working to deliver potentially life-saving training to Vancouver area residents for the New Year.

The Citizen Emergency Response Team training is open to anyone in Clark County. Individuals and couples are encouraged to sign up, along with neighborhood teams of two or three or more. Deadline for registering is Monday, Jan. 6. Cost of the training is \$20, which includes the required uniform vest

and safety helmet, plus a textbook and other materials.

"We're looking for people who want to learn what to do in a disaster. These are the folks who will have the skills to help their own families and their neighbors during a disaster such as a major earthquake," said Mary Jo Hoffman, training assistant for the Vancouver Fire Department. In a major disaster, fire and police emergency service resources will be overwhelmed.

The curriculum includes disaster preparedness, light search and rescue operations, disaster fire suppression, disaster psychology, disaster medical operations and a disaster exercise.

The classes in January and February are set to accommodate different work, school and family schedules:

For registration and other questions, contact Leah Edwards with the Clark County Fire District at 360-576-1195 or leahe@ccfd6.org

Killer's 111-Year Sentence Upheld

Court rejects argument Kip Kinkel's sentence was excessive

(AP) — The Oregon Supreme Court has let stand the 111-year sentence given to teenager Kip Kinkel for slaying his parents and later killing two students and wounding 25 others in a 1998 shooting rampage at Springfield's Thurston High School.

The Supreme Court without comment refused to review a state Court of Appeals ruling upholding the sentence.

The Court of Appeals in October rejected a public defender's argument that the sentence was excessive and that Kinkel, now 20, has an excellent chance of being reformed and should be allowed to return to society when he is no longer a

threat.

Kinkel accepted a plea deal for a 25-year sentence in the May 20, 1998, killings of his parents, William Kinkel, 59, and Faith Kinkel, 57, and for killing Thurston students Mikael Nickolauson, 17, and Ben Walker, 16, the next day.

Lane County Circuit Judge Jack Mattison tacked on 40 months for each of 26 attempted murder counts, adding nearly 87 years to the sentence.

Jesse Barton, the chief deputy state public defender, had contended that the trial judge misread state sentencing guidelines and wrongly gave more consideration to the "protection of society" provi-

sions than to "reformation" of convicted criminals.

But the appeals court said "protection of society from this defendant is of vital concern" because of the circumstances of the crimes and the apparently incurable nature of his mental illness.

The National Alliance for the Mentally Ill had joined in the appeal, arguing that Kinkel's schizophrenia can be treated and that he should be eligible for release at some point.

Kinkel is in an intensive treatment program at the MacLaren Youth Correctional Facility in Woodburn. Under state law he will be transferred to an adult prison when he turns 25.