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Police investigate a fatal traffic accident Thursday afternoon on North Vancouver in the vicinity of the approach to the Fremont Bridge.

Woman Dies in Vancouver Avenue Wreck

A woman was killed died at the scene. Thursday afternoon when she hicle on North Vancouver bound onto Cook. Avenue and Cook Street, police said.

The driver, identified as

Police said her view of the ficer. pulled her car into the path of oncoming SUV may have been an oncoming sport utility ve- obscured by a van turning west- was not a factor in the acci-

alcohol was a factor.

"She just didn't see the SUV," 23-year-old Ashana Chenoa, said Brian Schmautz, Portland slippery.

Police public information of-

Schmautz said the weather dent, but he reminded motor-Police said neither speed nor ists to "drive defensively, especially in the winter months, when roads tend to be more

Accused Killer Spotted on I-84

Sharp-eyed north Portland siblings lead police to suspect

(AP) - As north Portland resident Linda Martin and her brother Thom cruised through desolate Eastern Oregon, something about the gray van in front of them on Interstate-84 clicked.

We see this van, we saw it at the same time, and we said, 'Oh, is that it? Is that the number?' "Linda said.

At the wheel was Edward Morris, who had eluded police for two weeks and is charged with killing is pregnant wife and three children along a snowy side road in the Tillamook State Forest 350 miles to the west.

The Martin siblings checked out the license plate, WHS-171

"We both had seen the news reports, where they flash the license plate. And it kind of registered with both of us that he might be the one," Linda Martin, 58, of Portland, said.

The Martins began following the van at about midday Saturday.

"We sort of played tag with the van," she said. They were trying to look at him without making it obvious they wanted to get a good look at his face, she

When the Dodge van pulled in at a gas station in Durkee, Thom Martin, 50, of Rochester, Wash., got a look at the man behind the wheel. His head was shaven, but it still looked like pictures of Morris that Martin had seen on television.

If it weren't for Linda and Thom Martin, Edward Morris might still be a fugitive.

Linda Martin tried to call police on her cell phone but



A family portrait shows north Portland resident Edward Morris with his wife and children. Morris is accused of murdering each of the family members in the Tillamook State Forest on Dec. 20.

could not complete a call in the isolated area.

They got off the freeway at a state police exit, but the office was closed. Thom Martin called from an (emergency phone there.

They got back on I-84 and eventually followed Morris to the parking lot of a Rite Aid drug store in Baker City and called 911.

Morris was inside the store. When he came out, the police were waiting.

Ironically, Linda Martin's grandson played on a

soccer team with Bryant Morris. Authorities had offered a \$50,000 reward for infor-

mation leading to Morris' arrest. The Martins said they have not been told if they are eligible. Tillamook County Sheriff Todd Anderson said he thought they

Police Kill Son of Civil Rights Figure

Officers say man fired assault rife and refused to stop

(AP) — A Little Rock, Ark. police investigation of the shooting. officer fatally shot the son of one of the Little Rock Nine, the group of African Americans who integrated the city's schools in 1957, police said.

Police said they were called after neighbors saw the man, Erin Eckford, 26, firing an assault rifle into the air on the evening of Jan. 1.

Eckford was asked to put the weapon down, and when he did not, officers fired a beanbag round at him, to no avail, police Sgt. Terry Hastings said.

Eckford then began firing the assault rifle again, and police shot back, firing seven to 10 rounds and hitting him six times, Hastings said.

Eckford died at a hospital.

placed on administrative leave with pay, the normal procedure, pending a police

Eckford, a student at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, was the son of Elizabeth Eckford. She was among the students who broke the color barrier at Little Rock Central High School in 1957.

Elizabeth Eckford declined to comment, a family friend said. Her son had a short criminal history with a marijuana charge in 1997 and a firearm possession charge in 2000.

A neighbor, LaWanda McKinnie, said she saw Erin Eckford carrying a rifle while her son and friends were playing basketball. She said she asked a passing man with a cellular telephone to call

"I feel like it's all my fault," she said. The three officers involved were "He eventually would have gone back into his house. But I didn't want him to shoot that gun with all the kids outside."



Sniper Suspect Leaves Courtroom

Sniper suspect John Lee Malvo is escorted from court after a hearing in Fairfax, Va. Lawyers for Malvo scored a legal victory Thursday when the judge ordered prosecutors to turn over statements he made have made to police about two Virginia shootings. Malvo and a second suspect are charged in the string of sniper killings that terrorized the Washington, D.C. area.

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