

POLICE

White Teens Held in Shooting Spree

Suspects may have been targeting African American neighborhoods

Three white teenagers and a young man have been arrested after a racially motivated shooting spree in a multicultural neighborhood of northeast Portland, police said Monday.

No one was injured in the Sunday morning shootings but Portland Police Bureau investigators are seeking additional witnesses, said Chief Mark Kroeker.

"The Portland Police Bureau takes incidents motivated by hatred or prejudice very seriously," Kroeker said.

The four who were arrested were identified as: Andrew T. Sherwood, 15, of Portland; Denis P. Fahey, 18, of Redmond; Joshua D. Ridley, 19, of Milwaukie; and Brian S. Heath, 21, of Gresham.

The arrests followed reports of four

young whites driving a Chevrolet Camaro convertible through a largely black neighborhood early Sunday morning, firing shotgun blasts at houses, cars and at least one person, Kroeker said.

Several "shots fired" calls came in from the vicinity of Northeast Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and continued in the area of North-

east Sumner and Garfield. A bullet shattered a window from a car parked along the curb.

Detective Brian Gross said the spree apparently began earlier with some target practice with a sawed-off shotgun in a vacant field.

"They told me they specifically targeted African-Americans," Gross said. He said drugs and alcohol also

played a role.

A.L. "Skipper" Osborne, president of the Portland chapter of the NAACP, said it was "unfortunate that in the year 2003, and so close to the national holiday for the slain civil rights leader, the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., that a tragic incident like this had to occur." But he said quick arrests in the case "con-

tributes to the healing."

Osborne noted that white residents of the neighborhood were also put in danger.

"It needs to be stressed that a bullet doesn't have a color on the end of it," he said. "I hope this is an incident that will bring us together."

Associated Press contributed to this story.

Police Help Groups Combat Fraud

Vancouver police will be holding a free seminar for non-profit organizations that work with activities such as youth sports to help them spot and prevent embezzlement and fraud.

The session will be held Wednesday, Jan. 29 at 7 p.m. at the Water Resource Education Center, 4600 S.E. Columbia Way. Officials will outline procedures that non-profit organiza-

tions should follow to help prevent fraud and embezzlement by volunteers.

In order to plan for materials and supplies, pre-registration is encouraged. Call 360-619-4195.

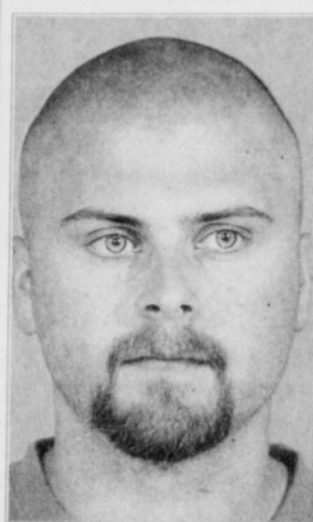
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Sex Offender Suspect Alludes Authorities

The Clackamas County Sheriff's Office, in cooperation with Crime Stoppers, is asking for help in locating and apprehending Michael Louis Freitas on multiple sex-related crimes, including rape and sex abuse.

Freitas, who has used aliases of Michael Louis Stewart, Jerry Andrew Larson, Joseph Thomas Mazzi and Steve James Marshall, is a 46-year old white male with a date of birth of June 1, 1956.

He is 5 feet 8 inches tall and weighs approximately 170 pounds with brown hair and hazel eyes. He was last known to be living in the Mollalla/Colton area.

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. You need not give your name. Call Crime Stoppers at 503-823-HELP.

Underage Stripping Banned

OLCC rules also affect young musicians and performers

(AP) — A state panel has decided that letting minors perform nude dancing at adult clubs goes too far.

The Oregon Liquor Control Commission voted to ban all under-21s from performing at adults-only venues, from musicians to strippers, unless they signed an employment contract before Aug. 15.

Commissioners have said they think it's the best way to stop youths from mixing with drinking patrons.

The OLCC rule, which officials estimate affects 10 percent or less of nude dancers at licensed venues, is part of a recent trend reversing the state's traditional hands-off attitude toward the strip club

business.

In October, a divided Oregon Court of Appeals ruled that nude dancing is not protected expression under the state constitution.

Some nightclub owners who hire young musicians say the rule vexes their industry, even if they were not the intended target.

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