

# POLICE

## Police Shoot Man Brandishing Knife

(AP) — Police officers shot a transient man after witnesses said he ran down Martin Luther King Boulevard in the vicinity of Southeast Stark, brandishing a knife, at one point pounding on the hood of a car and apparently striking an elderly woman.

Several calls came in to 911, describing a man in his mid-30s wearing a blue T-shirt, said Police Bureau Spokesman Henry Groepper. Two officers spotted the man and chased him on foot.

The officers radioed asking that "less lethal" weapons, such as stun guns or bean bag guns,

be rushed to the area. The weapons are worn by a small number of officers in Portland on a trial basis and the two officers involved in the shooting were not carrying these weapons, Groepper said.

"Before those could arrive, shots were fired," Groepper said.

The man, who was not identified, was taken to Oregon Health and Science University hospital and listed in critical condition after surgery.

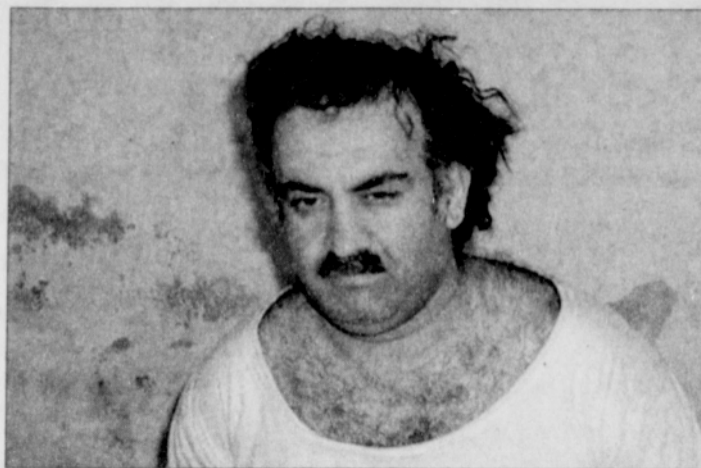
A grand jury will decide whether use of force was appropriate, Groepper said.

## 9-11 Terrorism Suspect Captured

(AP) — Khalid Shaikh Mohammed was actively plotting attacks against commercial sites in the United States and targets in the Arabian peninsula, U.S. counterterrorism officials said Monday.

Authorities recovered a huge amount of information about the al-Qaida terrorist group at the house in Pakistan where Mohammed and two others were arrested early Saturday, a senior law enforcement official said Monday.

This includes computers, disks, cell phones and documents that authorities believe will provide names, locations and potential terrorist plots of al-Qaida cells in



Khalid Shaikh Mohammed

the U. S. and around the world. FBI and CIA officials were described as working around the

clock to pore over the seized information to prevent any imminent attacks and to determine

when and if more arrests could be made.

A U.S. intelligence memo dated Feb. 26 warned Mohammed was overseeing plans to have al-Qaida operatives in the United States attack suspension bridges, gas stations and power plants in New York and other major cities, Newsweek reported Sunday.

The only al-Qaida capture that approaches the magnitude of Mohammed's was that of Abu Zubaydah last March. Zubaydah more than once provided information that sent American security officials scurrying to provide warnings to cities and sectors of the economy, knowing all the while that he could be lying.

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## Reputed Klansman Guilty

(AP) — A federal jury in Jackson, Miss. convicted a 72-year-old man Friday in the 1966 slaying of a black sharecropper, a crime prosecutors say was staged to lure Martin Luther King Jr. to southern Mississippi to be assassinated.

Reputed Klansman Ernest Avants, a stroke survivor, remained seated in his wheelchair as the verdict was read. Prosecutors said they won't seek the death penalty, meaning Avants faces up to life in prison at sentencing May 9.

Jesse White, the 65-year-old son of victim Ben Chester White, said after the verdict: "It's like being hungry for so, so long and you get a good meal under your belt. You're not so hungry any more."

Avants is the latest white defendant in recent years to be convicted of crimes from the nation's civil rights era and he could be one of the last. The verdict was returned just a few hours after final arguments in the case and just three days after



Ernest Avants smokes a cigarette as he is wheeled to the federal courthouse in Jackson, Miss. Friday. Avants was found guilty in the 1966 murder of a black sharecropper. (AP photo)

the trial began.

Avants was acquitted of murder during a state trial in 1967, but the federal charge of aiding and abetting murder was filed after authorities realized recently the victim had been killed on federal land.

Prosecutors told the jury 37 years could not wash away the horror of White's slaying or allow his killer to go free.

The judge had barred hate-crime evidence from the trial, but prosecutors freely noted that White was black and the three suspects in the case were all white. The defense argued the case hinged largely on statements by a long-dead suspect they said was a chronic liar.

Prosecutors said Avants and two white companions offered the 67-year-old White \$2 and a soda to help them with a chore. White, who had no connection with the civil rights movement, was driven to a national forest, shot to death and dumped into a creek bed.

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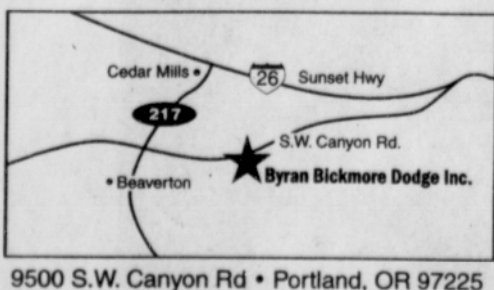
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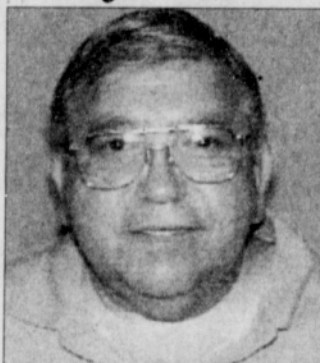


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### Bank Fraud Suspect Wanted



Police say this man uses false identities to commit bank fraud

Police agencies in Oregon and Washington are asking for help in establishing the true identity of a man active in bank fraud using falsely obtained Oregon and Washington Identification Cards from department of motor vehicle offices.

The suspect has used at least 22 known names, with a date of birth and ID Card number for each.

Police said he fraudulently obtains birth certificates from various counties, then uses the documents to get state ID cards. He then opens

checking accounts with the false ID and writes checks for purchases, mostly at chain stores. He will later take the items back, in another city, for a cash refund.

The suspect is a white male with a dark complexion, who is possibly mid to late 40s as he frequently uses identities with dates of birth between 1954 and 1957. He is approximately 5 feet, 5 inches tall, 260 pounds, with salt and pepper gray hair, glasses at times and walks with a cane.

### Police Look for Two Stabbing Suspects

Portland Police, in cooperation with Crime Stoppers, are asking for your help in identifying and locating individuals involved in a stabbing.

In the evening of Thursday, Feb. 13, two African-American males, ages 37 and 36, were socializing in an apartment in the 5000 block of North Vancouver Avenue. Sometime around 8

p.m., the pair left the apartment and went to a nearby grocery where they purchased an adult beverage.

In route back to the apartment, the pair was in the 5700 block of North Kerby when they encountered a group of five to seven young Hispanic males in their late teens to early 20s. As a verbal confrontation developed, the 36-

year old man ran from the area.

Shortly thereafter, the 37-year old man was found at the location with a stab wound to his abdomen. In addition, when the unknown subjects left the area they apparently took the two men's adult beverage. It is unknown at this time if the incident was in anyway racially motivated.

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.

## Meek, Brooklyn on Closure List

Portland Public Schools Superintendent Jim Scherzinger announced Monday that he will recommend to the School Board the closure of Meek Elementary in northeast Portland and Brooklyn Elementary in southeast Portland.

The board will consider the request during a public hearing Thursday, March 6 at 6:30 p.m. at the district's administrative offices near the Rose Quarter.

The board is then scheduled to make a decision on Monday, March

10 during a 6:30 p.m. meeting, also in the administration building.

The cost cutting plan calls for Meek students to be consolidated with Vernon Elementary and Brooklyn students consolidated with Grouse Elementary.

## Strike Avoided, School Days Restored

(AP) — Portland teachers approved a new contract Monday that will require them to work 10 days for free. More than 2,800 of the 3,100

teachers who submitted ballots voted to approve the two-year contract, teachers union officials said. The contract vote, combined with money to be raised

by an increase in city business license fees, will allow Portland to reinstate 24 school days this spring that it originally planned to cut.