

POLICE

Clark County Plans for Terrorism Threat

Public asked to report suspicious activities

With the start of military action in Iraq, Clark County Sheriff Garry Lucas has adopted a contingency plan that governs how the county will respond if the Homeland Security Advisory System goes from orange to red, indicating a severe risk of terrorist attack.

"We want to be responsive to the federal threat assessment," Lucas said. "Even though the information we presently have indi-

icates that there are no credible terrorism threats to Clark County and the Portland/Vancouver area."

With this in mind, he is asking citizens to stay calm, remain alert and report any suspicious activities to the Sheriff's Office.

"Just as we do for other issues related to public safety, we have plans in place and believe we are well prepared," Lucas added.

His office is coordinating with

State and Regional terrorism task forces, which sifts raw intelligence data and formulates regional and local response plans.

Preparedness suggestions and advice on how can citizens prepare for emergencies like a terrorist attack is available on the US Department of Homeland Security Web Page at www.ready.gov or on the 1-800-Be-Ready phone line.

Marchers Block Roads

Police arrest 135 anti-war demonstrators

(AP) — Police in Portland arrested about 135 protesters after a day of free-wheeling anti-war demonstrations shut down several bridges, freeways and intersections.

Late Thursday, police warned hundreds of protesters at the foot of the Burnside Bridge to leave the area. Some left, but about 100 seated themselves on the rain-slicked road

and linked arms in defiance.

Soon after, police began picking up the seated demonstrators one-by-one, and putting them in police vans.

Most of those arrested Thursday were charged with disorderly conduct or criminal mischief, Police spokesman Sgt. Brian Schmautz said.

Police used pepper spray to clear crowds near the bridge and threatened people on a nearby street with "impact weapons and chemical spray."

Demonstrators, accompanied by medical teams wearing black

crosses and equipped with basic remedies for tear gas, said they were prepared for clashes with the police.

The vast majority of protesters sought peace, not trouble. The mood on the streets was generally festive, with people dancing and chanting anti-war slogans. Many of the war protesters were college students, joining a nationwide walkout.

At a pro-war rally also held Thursday, nearly 100 people waved American flags and carried placards with messages like "Kill Saddam" and "Support Our Troops — Not the U.N."

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Teen Admits Killing Girlfriend

Karl Cramer faces 25-year sentence rather than life in prison

(AP) — A Portland teen was spared from life in jail after agreeing to plead guilty to murdering his girlfriend and then abusing her corpse.

Benjamin Karl Cramer, 18, faces a 25-year minimum sentence for the murder of his former girlfriend, Cassandra Brown.

If he is deemed fit to return to society at the end of 25 years, he will serve three more years for dismembering Brown's body after killing her and could be released at age 46.

Prompted by questions from Multnomah County Circuit Court Judge Henry Kantor, Cramer stood before his mother and the victim's family and said he "intentionally caused the death of Cassandra Brown by strangulation."

When Kantor asked whether he



Cassandra Brown

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— Michael Brown, father of murder victim Cassandra Brown

strangled her with his hands, Cramer said, "Yes."

"Did you use anything else?" Kantor asked.

"A bungee cord," Cramer replied.

As Cramer spoke, Michael Brown, Cassandra's father who was seated in the front row of the courtroom, put his arm around his wife, Carolyn Brown.

"The whole thing is just so sad, sad all around," Michael Brown said.

Cramer's mother, her eyes wet with tears, declined comment.

Police said Cramer strangled Brown in his home in the 6000 block of North Denver Avenue sometime between Saturday, Jan. 4, and early Sunday, Jan. 5, dismembered her, and stuffed her remains into a green army-type duffel bag. Then, police said he dumped the bag into the Columbia Slough off Kelley Point Park.

More than two weeks later, on Jan. 25, the bag was discovered washed ashore on the Southwest Washington coast. An autopsy showed Brown died of "ligature strangulation."

According to court papers, Cramer told authorities he had known Brown for seven years, but their relationship only spanned five months.

Deadly 1968 Protest Revisited

Shooting at historically black college still a mystery

(AP) — A granite marker on the edge of campus gives the facts no one can deny about what has come to be known as the Orangeburg Massacre.

On the chilly night of Feb. 8, 1968, highway patrolmen opened fire on a civil rights protest at historically black South Carolina State University, killing three students and wounding 27 others, some of them shot in the back.

But much of what led up to the violence that night remains in dispute. Testimony from the trial of nine troopers clouded the case, and the aging former governor who called out the National Guard refuses to speak about it.

"South Carolina has done one masterful job of keeping it quiet and keeping it covered up," said state Sen. Darrell Jackson, among seven black legislators who have introduced a resolution calling for an independent investigation.

The shooting at what was then called South Carolina State College was the culmination of three days of unrest that started when some black students decided to protest outside a bowling alley that refused to allow blacks inside.

That day, several students were

beaten by police in the bowling alley's parking lot. Police said they were trying to control a crowd of 300 to 400 that gathered after several of the protesters were arrested for trespassing.

Afterward, students carrying rocks and bricks broke windows at a half-dozen businesses and damaged cars at a dealership.

That led then-Gov. Robert

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— South Carolina State Sen. Darrell Jackson on the Orangeburg Massacre of 1968

McNair to send 250 National Guard troops to Orangeburg to help more than 75 other officers keep the peace.

On the night of Feb. 8, protesters built a bonfire. Authorities sent a fire truck to extinguish the blaze, but its arrival agitated students. Troopers, guns drawn, protected the firefighters. The students retreated, then returned, and some rocks were thrown. A large piece of wood struck a patrolman in the face.

After five minutes of uneasy peace, dozens of shots cracked. In

less than 10 seconds, three students were dead and 27 others wounded.

What exactly touched off the shooting remains in dispute. Sgt. Henry Morrell Addy testified that the students charged police, throwing bricks and firing small guns.

But Jack Bass, who covered the incident for The Charlotte (N.C.) Observer, and Jack Nelson, a reporter for the Los Angeles Times, say only a few rocks were thrown and students were standing their ground, not charging.

No spent bullet cartridges were found where the students had gathered. No other troopers were seriously injured.

In their book, "The Orangeburg Massacre," Bass and Nelson contend the shooting started after a trooper fired into the air as a warning. More than a dozen of his colleagues reacted.

While no state probe was ever conducted, an FBI probe led to charges against nine troopers; all were acquitted.

Every Feb. 8, the school holds a ceremony at the granite marker to remember the dead and injured. But the Orangeburg massacre remains largely forgotten, overshadowed by events later in 1968—the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr. and race riots in several northern cities.

Former Gov. McNair, now 80, told his story to historians, but ordered his interview sealed, only to be opened after his death.

Fire Kills North Portland Woman

A north Portland woman was killed after a fire started in the kitchen of her home and spread quickly.

Firefighters were called to the Hayden Island Mobile Home Park at 1:40 a.m. Sunday and had the fire

under control in about 40 minutes.

The victim was identified as 48-year-old Denise A. Turner. Her two teenage daughters weren't home when the fire occurred.

A fire department spokesman said Turner turned on the wrong

electric burner on her stove in an attempt to heat a pan of water. Plastic and other combustibles too close to the burner caught fire.

Officials said the mobile home was completely destroyed by the fire.



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Wellness Within REACH: Mind, Body, and Soul Activity Calendar

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
Matt Dishman 77 NE Knott	Strength Training 8-9am and 2-3pm Brown		Strength Training 8-9am and 2-3pm Brown		Strength Training 8-9am and 2-3pm Brown Chicago Step 6:00-7:00pm Kendrick	African Dance 10:00-11:00am Addo
Salvation Army 5325 N Williams	Salsa 6:30-7:30pm Haugland	Water Aerobics 2:00 - 3:00pm Hampton	Tai Chi 6:30 - 7:30pm Lyles Begins 4/16/03	Water Aerobics 2:00 - 3:00pm Hampton		
Nature's 3535 NE 15th		Yoga 7:30-8:30 pm O'Rourke		Yoga O'Rourke 7:45-8:45 pm (begins 3/27/03)		Body Conditioning 9:30-10:30am Nickerson
Peninsula Park 700 N Portland		Walking Group 6:00-7:00 pm Nickerson (Meet inside the Lloyd Center in front of Sears)				Walking Group 12:30 pm Nickerson
Mallory Avenue Christian Church (Gym) 126 NE Alberta	Aerobics 6:30-7:30pm Nickerson		Aerobics 6:30-7:30pm Nickerson		Aerobics 6:30-7:30pm Nickerson	
Highland United Church of Christ 4635 NE 9th Ave.	Aerobics 6:00-7:00am Pierce	Aerobics 6:00-7:00pm Keller	Aerobics 6:00-7:00am Pierce	Aerobics 6:00-7:00pm Keller		

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