

POLICE

Longo Testifies about Killing Wife, Daughter

Defense team argues wife killed the two oldest Longo children

(AP) — Christian Longo testified Monday that he drove along the Oregon coast after killing his wife and 2-year-old daughter and was bothered by the sight of the girl's car seat in his minivan.

"I could look in the rearview mirror in the back and see Madison's seat. I could see the tip of it, but normally I could see the tip of her hair, too. It was driving me nuts," he testified at his aggravated murder trial.

Longo, 29, has confessed to killing his wife, MaryJane, and daughter Madison. He has pleaded innocent in the deaths of his two older children — 4-year-old Zachery and



Christian Longo pled guilty to killing his wife, MaryJane, and daughter Madison. He has pleaded innocent in the deaths of his two older children, Zachery, 4, and Sadie, 3. All four bodies were found in coastal inlets around Christmas of 2001. (AP Photo)

3-year-old Sadie. Longo's defense team said all four bodies were found in coastal inlets around Christmas of 2001. MaryJane first killed the two older

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children and Longo became enraged and killed her. When he realized Madison was still alive, he also took her life.

During his testimony, Longo explained his emotions and actions in the hours leading up to MaryJane and Madison's deaths.

He told jurors that he killed the two in the early morning hours of Dec. 18, 2001 — not Dec. 16 as prosecutors have earlier said.

Longo's defense attorney, Steve Krasik, asked how Longo could attend a pizza party, socialize with co-workers and return

videos to Blockbuster after the killings.

"Part of it was shock over what had taken place. I wasn't bawling or ranting or screaming at that point," Longo said. "At some times, I wanted to be around people, at others I felt like I wanted to be by myself."

Prosecutors have said Longo strangled MaryJane and Madison, and either strangled, smothered or drowned Zachery and Sadie.

The trial is currently in its fourth week.

Vancouver Ex-Cons Arrested

A search warrant executed last month at the Polo Club Apartments in Vancouver resulted in the arrest of three convicted felons.

The Vancouver Police Department Violent Crime Unit and a Department of Corrections Unit got to 4820 N.E. Hazel Dell Ave., officers found one assault rifle and one pistol in apartment No. E425. Both guns are believed to be stolen. Police also found three ounces of marijuana, scales and packaging materials in one of the bedrooms.

Nicholas A. Gaggero, 22, Zebediah Kott-Hickman, 23, and Chance C. Pacora, 20, were charged with unlawful possession of a firearm. Gaggero and Pacora were also charged with possession of a controlled substance.

Sten: Let the Flags Fly Again

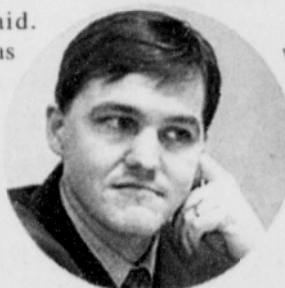
U.S. Flags were removed from fire Engines to avoid protest risks

Commissioner Erik Sten reversed a decision to remove U.S. flags from downtown fire engines last week.

"These are difficult times. Public servants are called upon to make some tough decisions. In this case, I was not con-

sulted," Sten said. "The decision was wrong and the flags will remain in place."

A memo issued earlier by Deputy Chief Gary Warrington of the Portland Fire Bureau ordered the removal of the flags on downtown fire engines in order to avoid any risks associated with anti-war protests.



Commissioner Erik Sten

"After consulting with Fire Chief Ed Wilson as to the reason this decision was made and how and why the memo was sent, I rescinded the decision," Sten said. "The Fire Bureau apologizes to anyone who was offended. It is entirely appropriate to proudly display the flag on fire vehicles."

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On Sunday, February 2 at about 2:45 a.m. a female motorist stopped her van on SW Barbur Boulevard at SW Capitol Highway, got out, and went to the rear of the vehicle to get something from inside.

As the woman opened the rear door of her van and leaned inside, another vehicle pulled up behind her van and stopped. Before the woman could turn around to see who was there, the suspect put an arm around her neck and placed a sharp object to her throat.

The suspect told the victim he was going to rape her and attempted to force her into her



A police artist made this composite sketch to represent a man wanted for attempted rape. The suspect is described as a white male in his late 20s to early 30s. The suspect is 5'8" to 5'9" tall and weighs approximately 230 pounds, with a stocky build, dark complexion, straight dark brown hair, dark eyes and glasses.

van. When the suspect saw the lights of another vehicle that appeared to be stopping, he let the woman go and ran back to his vehicle and sped away.

The suspect is described as a white male in his late 20s to early 30s. The suspect is 5'8" to 5'9" tall and weighs approximately 230 pounds, with a stocky build, dark complexion, straight dark brown

hair, dark eyes and glasses. The suspect had a raised red circular area, roughly the size of a quarter that looked like a burn, cyst or tumor, on the back of his left hand. The suspect's vehicle is possibly a dark colored late 70's Ford LTD, 2-door. The vehicle had a decal/sticker in the rear window, on the driver's side, of a black and white skull.

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, or any unsolved felony crime. Call Crime Stoppers at 503-823-HELP.

Protester Attacked on Capital Steps

(AP) — Police in Salem say a woman who has been fasting at the State Capitol since the war began was menaced by three men.

Salem police Lt. Dan Deitz said three men approached the steps where Michelle Darr and two fellow

protesters were lying in sleeping bags Sunday at 4:30 a.m.

The attackers, dressed in black, shook them out of their bags and fled. No one was hurt, but the sleeping bags were found in a pond near the Capitol.

Darr, 33, said Sunday was the first time she was threatened physically. On Friday, someone riding in a car fired 10 rounds from a paint ball gun in her direction.

Darr began her fast March 17, taking only vitamin tea and water.

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