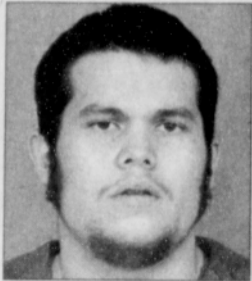


# POLICE

## CRIME STOPPERS

### Teen Sentenced in Officer's Shooting

(AP)—A 17-year-old has been sentenced to 7½ years in a youth prison for shooting a Portland police officer in the head last October.



Dustin Tyler Gomez

weapon and forgery. The attempted murder charges were reduced from attempted aggravated murder, which would have carried a

Dustin Tyler Gomez shot Officer George Weseman Jr. as the officer was attempting to handcuff the teen for trying to pass a bogus \$500 check at a check cashing store in southeast Portland. Gomez pulled a .22-caliber pistol from his waist, spun around and fired.

Weseman returned fire, hitting the teen multiple times. Weseman, who survived the shooting, was in court Tuesday for the sentencing.

Under a settlement agreement, Gomez pleaded guilty to attempted murder, first-degree assault, unlawful use of a

10-year sentence. If he doesn't have any disciplinary problems, Gomez will serve his entire sentence at the MacLaren Youth Correctional Facility. After age 18, he could go to state prison if he doesn't behave.

"This obviously is an extra-serious crime," said Don Rees, deputy district attorney for Multnomah County. "George Weseman was shot in the head and but for the bullet's path, Mr. Weseman wouldn't (be here) today and Mr. Gomez would not be leaving prison."

**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.**



A photo shows a violent confrontation with police during a March 20 war protest downtown. Police hope the photograph can help track down a suspect wanted for using a bat to strike an officer in the head. The suspect is located just left and below the "stop" sign.

## Protestor Wanted for Police Assault

Portland Police are releasing photos and asking for the public's help in identifying the individuals pictured. The photos are also being posted on the Portland Police Bureau's Website.

On Thursday, March 20 at about 6 p.m., a splinter group of protest-

ors, marching behind two large signs that read "All Bets Are Off" and "Shut it Down" went up a west ramp of the Steel Bridge and confronted police who were on the bridge.

In the group of protestors was an individual carrying a cardboard

sign that read "Capitalism Kills." Inside the cardboard sign, as it was later learned, was a bat that was used to strike an officer in the head. The officer required ten stitches to close the wound.

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information, reported to Crime Stoppers, that leads to an arrest in this case and the identities of individuals in the photos. Call Crime Stoppers at 503-823-HELP or visit the Portland Police Bureau's website at [www.portlandpolicebureau.com](http://www.portlandpolicebureau.com).

## Child Attack Nets 50 Year Term

(AP)—A man was sentenced Thursday to 50 years in prison for kidnapping a two-year-old Vancouver girl for an hour and a half and raping her.

Escolastico Borboa of Silverton, Ore. was found

guilty in February of rape, kidnapping and assault.

Vancouver Police arrested him after he snatched a young child from a park near Vancouver's Parsley Center, a popular spot for fami-

lies and kids. Members of

the toddler's family were playing basketball when they noticed she was missing.

She later turned up, bleeding and shaking, on a stranger's doorstep, three miles from where she was snatched. Police had said it

was unclear how she got away.

The judge deemed Borboa a "threat to the community" and said the child and her family were severely traumatized. The prosecution had pushed for 60 years behind bars.



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## Race Matters in Executions

### Report finds killers of whites more likely to be put to death

(AP)—Blacks and whites are murdered in about equal numbers, but what happens to their killers can be far different.

According to a new report by Amnesty International, those who murder whites are much more likely to be executed than killers of blacks.

The human rights organization, which opposes the death penalty, said 80 percent of the 845 people executed since the United States resumed the practice in 1977 were put to death for killing whites.

A disproportionate number of those who were executed were black and many were convicted by juries that included no blacks, the group said in a report.

Amnesty International contended that the findings, which it compiled from government statistics and its own tracking, show the death penalty is applied unfairly. It released the report now because the 300th black inmate was about to be executed.

Kent Scheidegger, legal director of the pro-death penalty Criminal Justice Legal Foundation, blamed racial differences on a lack of prosecutors in areas with high minority populations who were willing to seek the death penalty.

"Prosecutors in more conservative counties

use the death penalty more often," Scheidegger said. "That produces an effect that it's used more often in white victim cases. But that's not discrimination; that is politics."

Blacks comprise 12 percent of the U.S. population, according to the Justice Department's Bureau of Justice Statistics, but 41 percent of those on death row and 35 percent of those executed from 1977 to 2001 were black.

Amnesty's research found that one in five executed blacks was convicted by a jury without any blacks.

A Justice Department report in 2000 found that from 1995 to 2000, almost three-fourths of the 183 federal defendants facing the death penalty were minorities.

Attorney General John Ashcroft attributed the figures to differences in state laws, prosecution decisions and geography.

"There is no evidence of racial bias in the administration of the federal death penalty," Ashcroft told federal lawmakers in June. Some recent studies have concluded otherwise.

An Illinois study found that juries were three times more likely to sentence a person to death if the victim was white rather than black. Republican Gov. George Ryan cited those findings in January when he commuted 167 death sentences.

A Pennsylvania Supreme Court-appointed commission reported last month that black defendants were more likely to be sentenced to death and recommended a moratorium on executions while the issue was studied.

## Indecent Exposure at the Drive Thru

(AP)—A man drove up to a Vancouver McDonald's outlet, ordered and paid for breakfast while wearing nothing below the waist and was arrested while eating in his car, authorities said.

Christopher Michael Scrivner, 33, was arrested Saturday morning and jailed for investigation on suspicion of indecent exposure, Clark County sheriff's deputies said.

Scrivner, fully dressed and eating his food in his white Ford pickup in the parking lot, initially said he had been working outside and removed his underwear because it was wet and uncomfortable, deputy Kevin Gadaire wrote in his

incident report. On request, Scrivner pulled the underwear from behind the seat.

"They did not appear to be wet," Gadaire wrote. "However, they were very disgusting." Meanwhile, sheriff's Sgt. Craig Hogman was told by two women working at the fast-food outlet that Scrivner was naked below the waist when he drove up to the takeout window.

Scrivner said the idea "just popped into his head," Gadaire wrote. "He stated it was his own personal thing and he did not mean to scare the employees."