

POLICE

Teenager Shot in Northeast Home Invasion

Two intruders demanded money from a 23-year-old man in a northeast Portland home Thursday and then shot his 15-year-old brother when the teenager tried to stop the assault, police said.

The brother was shot three times in the upper body, suffering a non-life threatening wound to the top of a shoulder, near the base of his neck.

Police said the violence started when two masked men kicked in the door of the home at 118 N.E. Tillamook around 1 a.m. Thursday.

Inside, they first confronted the victim's older brother, identified as Deasha Allen.

Investigators said it's possible the shooting was gang-related or may have involved drugs.



Lumber is brought in to make repairs to the entrance of a home on Northeast Tillamook after two men kicked in the door of the residence and shot a teenager. The victim survived a wound to the top of a shoulder, near the base of his neck.

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Woman Shot Trying to Drive Past Police

Traffic stop on North Skidmore turns deadly

arrest stemming from an April 30 failure to appear for escape and drug-related charges.

Her family is questioning why officers did not shoot out the car's tires and why deadly force was required when police could have pulled the 5-foot-4, 115-

A Portland police officer fatally shot a 21-year-old woman when she tried to drive away from a traffic stop on North Skidmore at the I-5 overpass around 3 a.m. Monday.

Police said Kendra Sarie James climbed into the drivers seat from the back seat of the car after officers took her boyfriend, Darnell White, 41, out of the car and into custody.

She tried to drive off in the 2002 Chevrolet Cavalier rental, police said.

Two officers struggled with James and one fired a non-lethal tazer gun in an attempt to subdue her. When she could not be restrained, a 27-year-old officer who had just finished his 18-month probation fired one shot from his service weapon, police said.

James had a warrant for her



Kendra Sarie James

pound woman out of the car. Several responding police officers said the officer responsible for her death believed the car had driven or was about to drive over his foot.

State law and Police Bureau policy says that officers can use deadly force "to protect themselves or others from what they reasonably believe to be an immediate threat of death or serious physical injury."

Prison releases save money, anger victims

Budget cutting plan boosts time for good behavior

(AP)—An early release plan for prison inmates given credit for good behavior is saving the state of Oregon money but it has angered crime victims.

"It's just not right," said Janet Lovelace, whose 12-year-old

daughter was killed in a hit-and-run accident in June 2000.

The man convicted of the girl's death and trying to conceal it, Lee Russel Stubbs, was sentenced to 40 months in prison but was freed early this year after he earned a 20 percent reduction in the sentence for good behavior.

Ben de Haan, interim director of the state Corrections Department, says early release cuts costs to ease pressure on the

state budget. Sen. Kurt Schrader, D-Canby, said locking up an inmate costs \$62 per day, or roughly \$23,000 per year.

Marion County District Attorney Dale Penn said he hopes legislators won't give prisoners a chance to win bigger reductions in their sentences.

"We've always been opposed to changing the sentence after it is imposed," he said.



A photograph shows a suspect in the robbery of the Sterling Savings Bank at 3333 N. Lombard on Thursday. The FBI said the man might have been hurt when an anti-theft device exploded as he ran from the bank.

Bank Robber Injured by Device

The FBI's Violent Crimes Task Force is searching for a suspect who was injured in a bank robbery. Witnesses believe the robber was hurt when an anti-theft device exploded as he ran from the bank.

The robbery happened at the Sterling Savings Bank located at 3333 N. Lombard at about 4:15 p.m. Thursday. The robber entered the

bank and stood in line with other customers. As he approached the teller desk, he showed a silver handgun and demanded money. As he was running away, the anti-theft device exploded. Authorities said he might have sustained burns in his groin area and buttocks area.

The robber is described as white man in his late 40s with a very thin

build, dark hair, about 5' 6" tall, wearing a fake beard, a baseball cap with the letter "M" on it, dark long-sleeved t-shirt, light colored pants, and sunglasses.

The FBI asks anyone who may have contact with an individual seeking or needing medical treatment for such injuries to call 503-224-4181 or 911 immediately.

DNA Links Inmate to 1986 Murder

(AP)—An inmate was arrested on murder charges Thursday after DNA evidence linked him to a 1986 strangling in north Portland, authorities said.

Leon Lamont Phillips, 53, who's in the Oregon State Penitentiary, did not know the victim, Sara Zirbes, but he did live near her when the attack occurred, police said.

A state law that went into effect in January 2002 requires collection of DNA samples from every felon.

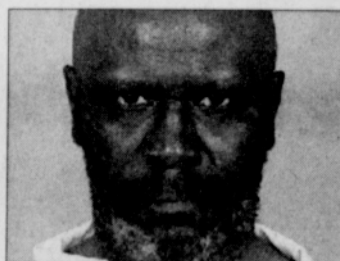
Zirbes, 30, a Wisconsin native who was taking Spanish courses at Portland State University, was found inside her home on Nov. 21, 1986. Her partly clad body with hands

bound, was found by neighbors.

Once the state crime lab recorded a DNA match that linked Phillips to Zirbes' killing and sexual assault, Portland homicide detective Cheryl Kanzler reopened the investigation.

Phillips, according to court records, was arrested in 1987 on unrelated robbery and sexual assault charges. He is serving a sentence of more than 20 years.

Vikki Amato, Zirbes' best friend, said she was shocked when she recently got a call about the case. "I'm sorry it took so long, but I'm so pleased the police reopened this case and spent time on it years later," she said. "It's remarkable



Leon Lamont Phillips

that they just didn't let it go."

Zirbes moved to Portland in 1980 with friends, held jobs as a waitress at several taverns and had worked as a computer operator. She planned to become a Spanish teacher.

She enjoyed backpacking and camping, and played guitar and sang at local bars.

"The best news out of all of this is knowing he's been in prison this whole time and, thankfully, has been off the streets, unable to hurt others," Amato said.

Arson Charges Filed in Two Fires

One man and a teenager are facing arson charges stemming from two separate fires in southeast Portland.

Henry A. Townsend, 19, is charged with arson and criminal

mischievous. He's accused of using gasoline to set fire to a 1991 Cadillac Deville parked in the driveway next to a house where two occupants were sleeping. The April 19 fire occurred at 2:33 a.m. at 17441 S.E.

Division St. Robert Lee Milhause, 28, is accused of using an incendiary device to set fire to an occupied apartment at the Damin Station Apartments located at 16000 S.E. Alder St.



REACH

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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 6:00-7:00 pm Kendrick	African Dance 10:00-11:00 am Addo
Salvation Army 5325 N Williams		Water Aerobics 2:00 - 3:00 pm Hampton	Tai Chi 6:30 - 7:30 pm Lyles	Water Aerobics 2:00 - 3:00 pm Hampton		
Nature's 3535 NE 15th		Yoga 7:30-8:30 pm O'Rourke		Yoga 7:45-8:45 pm O'Rourke		Body Conditioning 9:30-10:30 am Nickerson
Peninsula Park 700 N Portland		Walking Group # 6:00-7:00 pm Nickerson		Walking Group # 6:00-7:00 pm Nickerson		Walking Group 12:30 pm Nickerson
Salvation and Deliverance 5736 N Albina	Low Impact Aerobics 7:15 - 8:15 pm Norris	Low Impact Aerobics 7:15 - 8:15 pm Norris				Community Prayer Walk 9:00 - 10:00 am Irby
Mallory Avenue Christian Church (Gym) 126 NE Alberta	Aerobics 5:30-6:20 pm (starting 5/12/03) and 6:30-7:30 pm Nickerson		Aerobics 5:30-6:20 pm (starting 5/12/03) and 6:30-7:30 pm Nickerson		Aerobics 6:30-7:30 pm Nickerson	
Highland United Church of Christ 4635 NE 9th Ave.	Aerobics 6:00-7:00 am Pierce	Aerobics 6:00-7:00 pm Keller	Aerobics 6:00-7:00 am Pierce	Aerobics 6:00-7:00 pm Keller		
Whitaker Track 42nd & Killingsworth		Wt. Management/Conditioning 9:00 - 10:00 am Hasan		Wt. Management/Conditioning 9:00 - 10:00 am Hasan		

**Must be 21 or older to participate. Please check with AAHC before showing up to the first class 503-413-1850. Please receive approval from your doctor before beginning exercise class. All classes are free of charge! (#meet inside Lloyd Center in front of Sears)



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