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# **Slain Woman Broke Rules of the Street**

Friends say Jessica was murdered because she talked to police

(AP) - There are two unbreakable rules on the street that the Jimmy Aaron Stewart, homeless say can cost you your life don't snitch and don't lie.

Jessica Williams was killed because she broke both rules, accord- tal capacity of a 12-year-old being to a friend who claims he also warned police about her "street family" of homeless teenagers and young adults.

to nail her right then and there," said Jeff Cameron, 19, as he stood beat up the young man before they

outside the courtroom where two of the three main suspects in the slaying appeared on aggravated murder charges. "Jessica was labeled as

a liar and a snitch," Cameron said. "They were going to finish the job. Why not just kill her."

Danielle Marie Cox and both 18, are accused of woman who allegedly had the mencause she suffered from fetal alcohol syndrome

Cameron claims Williams was tute. Some members of the family



Carl Alsup (left) is wanted for the murder of Jessica Williams (right).

killing Williams, 22, a tall young found out it wasn't true, Cameron to kill Williams still has not been said.

> Ten other young people, ranging in age from 16 to 27, also face across the Willamette River.

An autopsy showed Williams

had been stabbed and bludgeoned.

Cameron said members of the street family kicked Williams, hit her with a belt, burned the palms of her hands with lighters and burned her face with cigarettes beforeone of the family leaders ordered her killed.

Cameron said the person who gave the order arrested. But shortly after the court appearances of Cox and Stewart, police announced that a Multnomah County grand jury had indicted a 17year-old boy, Carl Richard Alsup, with aggravated murder.

Alsup remained at large Monday, described only as a white male with blond or brown hair going by the street name "D.K."

Williams was not homeless but worked downtown and had befriended young people who were in and out of homeless shelters. Eventually, she began spending time with a street family that had developed a reputation for violence.

Williams, however, was a gentle giant at 6 feet 4 and 230 pounds, according to family and friends.

Hersister, 18-year-old Noel Williams, described her as "a big teddy bear, the sweetest, most kind person.'

Her friend, Amanda Nelsen, 21, who lived on the street for four years before finally finishing her high school degree and enrolling in college this fall, said Williams 'would never hurt anybody - she was always so nice to everybody."

Nelsen said that the street family had a saying for members who betrayed it -- "snitches get stitches."

## Port Awarded Security Grant

The Port of Portland learned last week that the Department of Homeland Security has awarded \$510,000 in federal grant money for security improvements at the Port's Terminal 6-Oregon's only container terminal for loading and unloading ocean-going vessels.

The money will be used for entry and exit gate upgrades, for monitoring and surveillance equipment and installation of new sensor alarms on perimeter fencing

"Our Terminal 6, which handles more than 400 container, automobile and breakbulk ships per year, is small in comparison to ports like Los Angeles and Seattle, but it's arguably the highest profile marine facility in Oregon and on the Columbia River," said Bill Wyatt, Port of Portland executive director.

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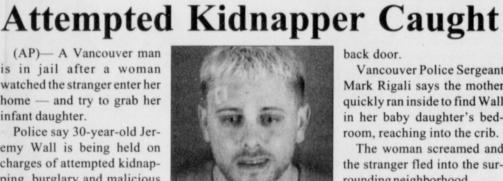
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#### (AP)- A Vancouver man is in jail after a woman watched the stranger enter her home — and try to grab her infant daughter. Police say 30-year-old Jer-

emy Wall is being held on charges of attempted kidnapping, burglary and malicious mischief.



Jeremy Wall

The mother, who police front yard on Kansas Street. erschased him on foot through would not identify, told detec- She was stunned to watch the several nearby yards before tives she was working in her man enter her home through a capturing him.

back door.

Vancouver Police Sergeant Mark Rigali says the mother quickly ran inside to find Wall in her baby daughter's bedroom, reaching into the crib.

The woman screamed and the stranger fled into the surrounding neighborhood.

She called police and offic-

## **Texas Dozen Freed Pending Appeals** Convictions based on discredited undercover agent

(AP) - Hours after he and 11 others were released from prison on questionable drug convictions, Freddie Brookins Jr. enjoyed the simple pleasure of holding his wife's hand at an indoor picnic.

"It feels so good out here," Brookins said as he stood with his wife, Terri, about a block from the Swisher County Courthouse, where a Texas judge released all 12 on bond Monday pending a ruling by the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals. "It's weird. It's been so long. I'm so excited I can't even eat."

The defendants had been sent to prison on the testimony of a now-discredited undercover agent in a case that divided this town of 5,000 people and led to investigations by the U.S. Justice Department and the Texas Attorney General's office.

Forty-six people, 39 of them black, were arrested in July 1999 and accused of possessing cocaine following an 18-month undercover operation. Undercover agent Tom Coleman, who is white, said he bought drugs from the defendants, but he worked alone and used no audio or video surveillance. No drugs or money were found during the arrests.

Monday's prison release comes while the appeals court considers a judge's recommendation that all the convictions be overturned. A special prosecutor has said he will dismiss all charges if the court orders new trials.

#### charges in the death of Williams, whose body was found May 23 killed because she told police that after a railroad engineer spotted it "The moment she said some- another member of her street family near the only downtown bridge that thing to the police, they were going had tried to make her into a prosti- carries both rail and vehicle traffic



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"We don't have victory until they are rid of these convictions," said Elaine Jones, president of the NAACP Legal Defense Fund.

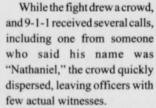


# **Clues Sought in Beating Death**

Portland police and Crime Stoppers are asking for your help in locating witnesses to a fight between two men that resulted in death

On Thursday, May 29 at 11:50 p.m., Central Precinct Officers were dispatched to a fight on the 1300 block of West Burnside. Upon arrival officers found 47year-old Joseph Michael Paulson, unconscious on the sidewalk.

Paulson was transported by ambulance to a local hospital, where he died from injuries associated with the altercation. Paulson had two other black males in an unknown Ameribeen living in transitional housing in down- can made vehicle with Oregon plates begintown Portland.



The other man involved is described as a 28 to 35-year-old black man, 5 feet10 inches tall and weighing 155 to 165 pounds. At the time, he was wearing a

silver jacket, long silver basketball style shorts, silver baseball style hat and black tennis shoes with short white socks. He left the area with ning with VAT.

Crime Stoppers is offering a cash reward of up to \$1,000 for information, reported to Crime Stoppers, that leads to the resolution of this case. Call Crime Stoppers at 503-823-4357.

Joseph Paulson

## Men Sent to Prison in Cross Burning

(AP)- Two white men have been sen- He said the cross-burning was a drunken tenced to 81/2 and 111/2 years in prison for prank burning a cross in the yard of a white woman whose black friends visited her at home.

Michael Sloan, 20, pleaded guilty to federal a glass door with a shovel. charges of conspiracy and intimidation. They were sentenced Thursday.

A co-defendant, Lee Wayne Bray, 20, was sentenced last month to six years in prison. about the crime.

Authorities said the men burned the cross at the Huntsville, Ala. home of Rhonda Kay Michael Allen White, 21, and Benjamin Lyle last summer and smashed windows and

> Lyle and her two children moved out the next day.

Authorities said White bragged to people

Go from I went to the mall" to"I got the mall."

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