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Woman Gets 60 Years for Windshield Death

(AP) — A former nurse's aide was convicted of murder Thursday for hitting a homeless man with her car and driving home with his mangled body lodged in the windshield.

Jurors in Fort Worth, Texas deliberated less than two hours in the case of Chante Jawan Mallard, 27. The next day, the jury sentenced her to 60 years in prison.

Mallard's legal team never disputed that she killed Gregory Biggs, 37, in the predawn hours of Oct. 26, 2001, after a night of drinking, smoking pot and taking Ecstasy.

But they said the death was an accident - not murder.

Prosecutors said she should pay the price for taking a man's life and trying to hide it.

The defense said it was Mallard's friend, Clete Deneal Jackson, who talked her into dumping Biggs' body and concealing the crime. Biggs' mutilated body was found the next day in a park.



Chante Mallard hit a homeless man with her car and left him stuck in the windshield and dying as she drove home. She was convicted of murder and sentenced to 60 years in prison by a Texas jury. (AP Photo)

Prosecutors said Mallard could have stopped for help at a nearby fire or police station or all-night store - or even called her brother, who is a Fort Worth firefighter with medical training.

They said Mallard, a certified nursing assistant who had worked

in retirement homes, didn't check Biggs' pulse or try to stop the bleeding as he groaned and gasped.

In her statement to police, Mallard said she cried and repeatedly apologized to Biggs as he moaned after she lowered her garage door.

She said she was too scared to call for help.

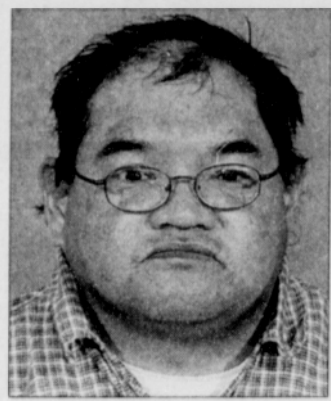
During the three-day trial, Dr. Nizam Peerwani, the Tarrant County medical examiner who performed the autopsy, testified that Biggs probably lived two hours after being hit and could have survived with medical treatment.

Biggs, a bricklayer who had been living in a Fort Worth homeless shelter after losing his truck and home nearly two years earlier, bled to death and had his lower left leg nearly amputated by the crash, Peerwani said.

Biggs' injuries were aggravated when Mallard stopped briefly after hitting him, trying in vain to smash out more of the windshield and remove his bloody body, and when she continued her journey home, Peerwani said.

"I would say he was very hardworking," said Brandon Biggs, 20. "He was very friendly, although he didn't have many friends."

DUI Driver Charged in Bicyclist Deaths



Lindsey Llana

(AP) — A van struck a group of four bicyclists on Southeast Belmont Street last Wednesday, killing two and seriously injuring a third.

The vandriver, Lindsey Llana, 49, of Portland faces numerous charges after it was determined he was likely drunk, police said.

The van hit the bicyclists in

southeast Portland shortly after midnight. The bicyclists who died were thrown and dragged by the van before it stopped, said Sgt. Brian Schmaltz, the Portland police spokesman.

The dead were identified as Christopher Satushek, 27, of Portland and Angela L. Leazenby, 26, who recently moved here from California.

A third person — Caroline Julia Buchalter, 23, of Portland — is expected to recover from critical injuries.

Llana faces charges of assault, manslaughter, felony hit and run and driving under the influence, Schmaltz said.

He was arrested for drunken driving on March 3 and released with orders to take part in a diversion program. But court records show Llana did not attend the treatment as required.

Giant Leap Forward for Gay Rights

(AP) — The Supreme Court struck down a Texas law banning gay sex Thursday, ruling that the law was an unconstitutional violation of privacy.

The 6-3 ruling reverses course from a ruling 17 years ago that states could punish homosexuals for what such laws historically called deviant sex.

Laws forbidding homosexual sex, once universal, now are rare. Those on the books are rarely enforced but underpin other kinds of discrimination, lawyers for two Texas men had argued to the court.

The men "are entitled to respect for their private lives," Justice An-



John Lawrence (left) and Tryon Garner, are shown arriving at the state courthouse in Houston to face charges of homosexual conduct under Texas' sodomy law in this file photo. The Supreme Court struck down a ban on gay sex last week, ruling that the law was an unconstitutional violation of privacy. (AP Photo)

thony M. Kennedy wrote.

The case began when a neighbor with a grudge faked a distress call to police, telling them that a man was "going crazy" in Lawrence's apartment. Police went to the apartment, pushed open the door and

found the two men having sex.

Ruth Harlow, one of Lawrence's lawyers, called the ruling historic.

"This is a giant leap forward to a day where we are no longer branded as criminals," she said.

Bad Lawyer Used in Death Penalty Case

A Maryland man will receive a new sentencing hearing after the U.S. Supreme Court Thursday ruled 7-2 that the performance of his defense counsel did not meet minimum standards as guaranteed by the Sixth Amendment of the

U.S. Constitution.

Kevin Wiggins, a black man, was convicted and sentenced to death for the murder of Florence Lacs, a white woman. Wiggins' defense counsel utterly failed to present to the jury mitigating circumstances

surrounding Wiggins' background - details that included horrific abuse he suffered as a child as well as possible mental retardation. Abuse included being beaten with belts and straps, bitten, denied food, burned and a history of sexual molestation.

Critics say Racial Profiling Ban has No Teeth

(AP) — National advocacy groups for minorities are criticizing a new federal policy that bans racial profiling, saying it's not tough enough to end the practice.

The guidelines, issued by the Justice Department last month, prohibit federal law enforcement officers from using race or ethnicity in routine activities such

as traffic stops. But they allow officers to consider those factors in preventing threats to national security - an exception attacked by several groups.

"They've left open a number of loopholes," said Hussein Ibish, a spokesman for the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee. "This directive has no teeth. It says,

'Racial profiling, no, no, no.' It doesn't actually provide any means to stop it."

Justice Department spokesman Mark Corallo defended the guidelines. He said attorneys "studied the issue very carefully in order to craft a policy that they think is morally right, legally right, practically right and constitutionally sound."

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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 47-year-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 been living in transitional housing in downtown Portland.

While the fight drew a crowd, and 9-1-1 received several calls, including one from someone who said his



Joseph Paulson

name was "Nathaniel," the crowd quickly dispersed, leaving officers with few actual witnesses.

The other man involved is described as a 28 to 35-year-old black man, 5 feet 10 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 two other black males in an unknown American made vehicle with Oregon plates beginning 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.

Roosevelt Added to School Arson Spree

Ashes and what looked like a gas can were discovered inside Roosevelt High School in north Portland Monday after a fire alarm sounded just after 2 a.m.

Authorities said it appears the school was the target of an attempted arson. When firefighters arrived they saw three boys fleeing the school on bicycles. Police dogs were brought in for a search, but no suspects were found.

The fire comes on the heels of three other school arson fires in southwest Portland.

Firefighters were called to Jackson Middle School at about 1:30 a.m. June 22 where a fire

burned a counselor's office on the first floor and smoke damaged a second floor classroom.

Fire officials also are looking into a string of fires at Wilson High School where arsonists also targeted a counselor's office. Gray Middle School was the scene of arson two weeks ago, said officials.

Officials have not said whether they think the school fires are related. Damage has totaled about \$200,000.

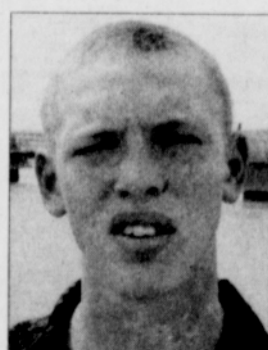
Crime Stoppers is offering a \$2,000 reward for information leading to the arrest of suspects in the cases. Authorities have also set up added school patrols.

Teen Wanted for Murder, Kidnapping

Portland Police, in cooperation with Crime Stoppers, are asking for your help in locating and apprehending 17-year-old Carl Richard Alsup III. Alsup is wanted for murder, assault, kidnapping and coercion.

The charges are in connection with the murder of 22-year-old Jessica Kate Williams, whose body was found May 28, at the east-end of the Steel Bridge.

Alsup, who goes by the street



Carl Alsup

name "D.K.," is a 17-year-old white male. Alsup is between 5'7" and 5'9" tall and weighs between 160 and 170 pounds. When last seen he had close-cropped blonde hair.

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. You need not give your name. Call Crime Stoppers at (503) 823-HELP (4357).

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