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Gunfire Kills Councilman

(AP) — New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg walked through a metal detector as he returned to City Hall on Thursday, a day after a councilman allowed a rival politician to bypass security, leading to a shooting that left them both dead.



New York Councilman James Davis

"We have a city to run... the same city that Councilman (James) Davis was trying to help," Bloomberg said. "And the rest of us have a responsibility to his family and to 8 million people to continue."

The attack last Wednesday turned New York City's seat of government into a crime scene, with screaming political aides and terrified visitors diving for cover.

Davis, 41, a former police officer and ordained minister who campaigned against urban violence, was shot several times in the council

chamber's crowded balcony and died at a hospital.

A security officer fired up at his killer, Othniel Askew - who had avoided the metal detectors because he was with Davis - and the 31-year-old died a short time later at the same hospital, police said.

Askew had been a rival of Davis' and had filed papers to oppose him in a three-way council race in this fall's Democratic primary, Bloomberg said. But he was not an official candidate because he hadn't filed enough petition signatures.

Davis spokeswoman Amyre Loomis said Davis and Askew had recently called a truce, and had met three times in recent weeks. When Askew showed up last Wednesday at Davis' office in Brooklyn and asked if they could go to City Hall together, Davis agreed.

Guard Says Teen Shot to Anger Moose

Defense attorneys want to block testimony

(AP) — Sniper defendant Lee Boyd Malvo told a prison guard that he shot a teenage victim to anger Montgomery County, Md., Police Chief Charles Moose and that he had intended to shoot an entire busload of children, the guard testified Thursday.

The claims were among several Malvo allegedly made to guards shortly after he and fellow defendant John Allen Muhammad were arrested in October.

Malvo's attorneys, who want to keep the testimony out of his trial, said some of the claims — such as shooting a senator on a golf course — cast doubt on all the



Lee Boyd Malvo (left) and Charles Moose

alleged statements.

Joseph Stracke, a guard at a Baltimore prison, said at a preliminary hearing that Malvo spoke proudly of various shootings.

Stracke said he asked Malvo why he wounded a middle-school student. "To make Chief Moose upset, to make him emotional so he wouldn't think straight, and it worked," the guard quoted Malvo as saying.

Moose, who has since left the department, led the sniper investi-



gation. He is a former Portland Police Chief and long time Portland officer.

Malvo said he had initially planned to shoot a busload of children, but aborted that plan, Stracke testified. The reason was unclear.

A second guard, Wayne Davis, said Malvo claimed that he shot a senator on a golf course, that he had shot a young black woman who answered a door, and that he had tracked down and shot a schoolmate who had been picking on him.

Davis said he didn't necessarily believe everything Malvo said. "I was under the impression he was exaggerating to me," Davis said.

Malvo's lawyers said the array of claims calls into question the veracity of any of the alleged confessions.

Malvo, 18, and Muhammad, 42, have been linked to 20 shootings, including 13 deaths, in Virginia, Maryland, Georgia, Alabama, Louisiana and Washington, D.C. Both could face the death penalty if convicted.

Prosecutors have said the shootings carried out in metropolitan Washington during a three-week spree in October were part of a scheme to extort \$10 million from the government.

Davis said Malvo talked about a racial motivation for the killings but also said the shootings "were mostly about money."

Bank Robberies Tied to Four Suspects



The FBI says these four suspects may be responsible for a quarter of Oregon's bank robberies.

(AP) — Bank robberies have increased sharply this year and the FBI blames four men for more than a quarter of the crimes.

The robberies likely were not connected, said FBI spokeswoman Beth Anne Steele.

"They're not that organized," said Tom Unger, a spokesman for Wells

Fargo, which has seen an increase in robberies this year. "These guys

are usually drug addicts. They're not planning that far in advance."


Unger said four suspects are wanted in connection with 26 robberies in the greater Portland area. They are thought to have robbed between three and 10 banks each. Only one has ever shown a weapon, the FBI said.

After a July 14 robbery in northwest Portland, the FBI reported that there have been 93 bank robberies

in Oregon this year. In the same period last year, there were 60.

For all of 2002, there were 128 bank robberies, statewide, down from 247 in 1996, the highest number in the past seven years.

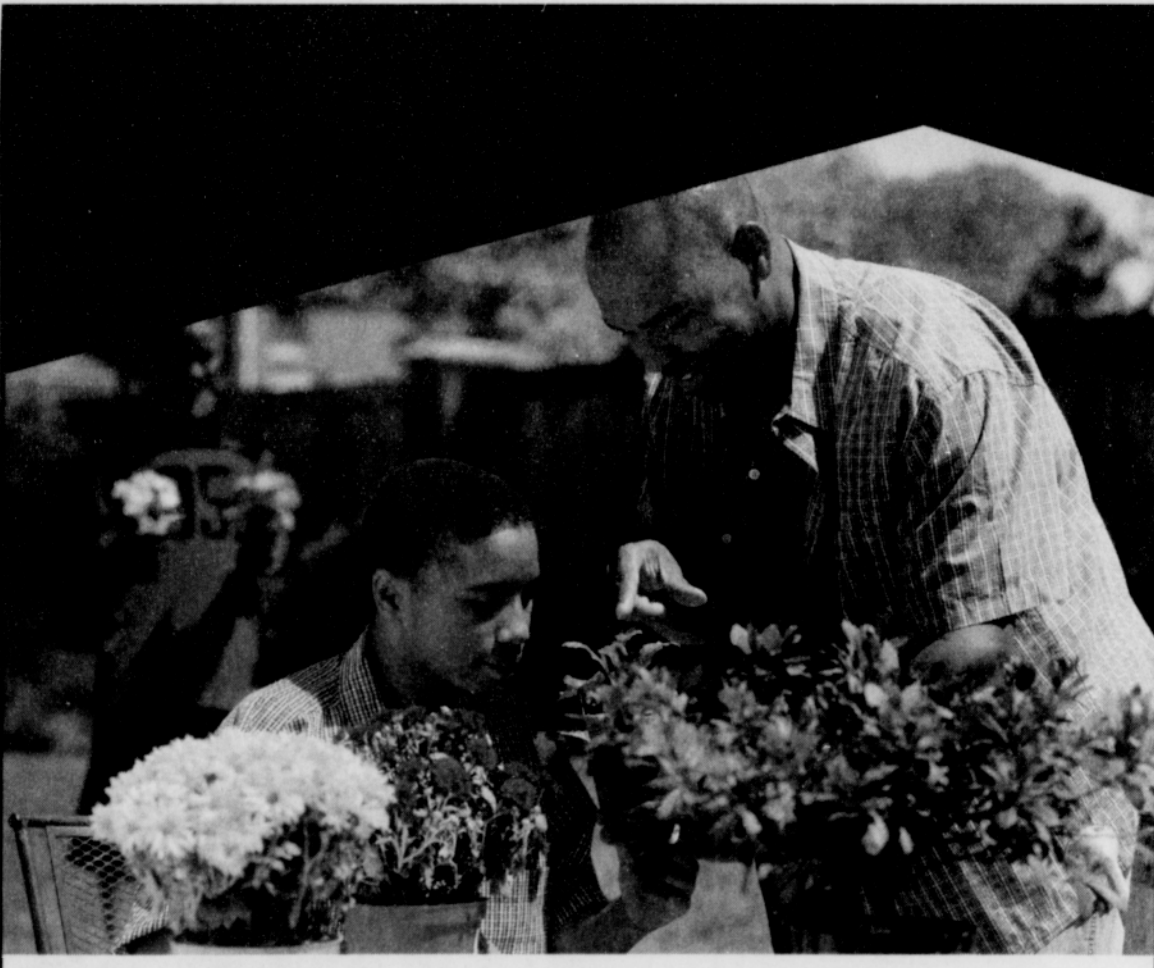
The FBI said the current increase might be a result of increased drug use or the possibility that there are more petty criminals on the streets as a result of state and local law enforcement budget cuts.



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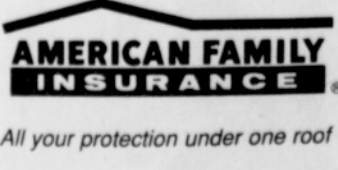
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Police Search Non-Whites More

Town examines treatment minorities at traffic stops

(AP) -- Nonwhites stopped by police in Corvallis are searched more often and detained longer than the general population, an analysis released by the city says.

Data was collected during 11,550 traffic stops during 2001 and 2002. A wider state study of 600,000 stops by the state Criminal Justice Division showed a similar trend.

The Corvallis study examines how police treat people after a traffic stop, not whether there was intentional bias in stopping them.

Members of the Community Policing Forum, an advisory committee to the police department, requested the analysis to see if preliminary figures could be explained by random

chance.

The study found that of 335 stops that lasted longer than 30 minutes, Hispanics made up 18 percent of those involved but make up only 4.9 percent of the city's population. Blacks were 2.7 percent of the people involved in longer stops but represent only 1.1 percent of the population.

A typical stop takes 15 to 20 minutes, police said.

Corvallis Police Chief Gary Boldizar suggested longer stops of Hispanic drivers could be because of language problems.

City Council President Rob Gandara, also president of the Community Policing Forum, said he thinks language may be only part of the problem.

"Hispanics are not any more likely to be arrested, but they're more likely to be searched," Gandara said.

Teens Arrested in Statue Vandalism

Two teenage boys arrested for vandalizing the Joan of Arc statue at Northeast Glisan and 39th Avenue told police they dumped paint on the statue because "it was too shiny".

The 1925 statue was recently repainted and coated with golf leaf. Repairing the damage is estimated at more than \$5,000.

There had been speculation the



destruction was a hate crime. It occurred on Bastille Day, France's Independence Day. The statue commemorates Portland soldiers who fought alongside the French in World War I.

The 14 and 13 year olds were charged after police traced the purchase of paint at a local Fred Meyer store.

Women Confess 'Street Family' Murder

(AP) — Two women have pleaded guilty in the death of a mentally disabled African American woman who police say was killed by her "street family" for violating its code of conduct.

Crystal A. Grace, 20, pleaded guilty last week to second-degree kidnapping, third-degree robbery and third-degree assault in the death of 22-year-old Jessica Williams of Gladstone, who was beaten, stabbed and set on fire. Her body was found May 23 near the Eastbank Esplanade in Portland.

In exchange for her plea, Grace agreed to testify against others who have been indicted in Williams' slaying. Grace is scheduled to be sentenced Thursday to five years in prison on the kidnapping charge.

Heidi L. Keller, 21, pleaded guilty July 22 to the same charges as Grace and was sentenced to five years in prison under an identical agreement.



Crystal Grace and Heidi Keller

Thirteen people have been indicted in Williams' slaying.

Danielle Marie Cox, 18; James Aaron Stewart, 18; and Carl Richard Alsop, 18, face aggravated murder charges. Cox and Stewart have been arrested, but police are still looking for Alsop.