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## Radical Tre Arrow Eludes Authorities

Environmental fugitive on the run one year after indictment

(AP)—The FBI has followed up on more than 20 sightings of fugitive environmental activist Tre Arrow in the year since a federal grand jury indicted him for firebombing logging and cement trucks.

While three of Arrow's friends have admitted their roles in the June 2001 fires, the former congressional candidate remains a fugitive.

Last week, police searched for Arrow in woods near Washington Square Mall after someone reportedly saw him. The sighting turned up nothing.

"It's almost like Elvis," said Supervisory Special Agent Julie Thornton, who heads the Oregon bureau's domestic terrorism squad. Tre Arrow, who was born Michael J. Scarpitti, was indicted Aug. 13, 2002.

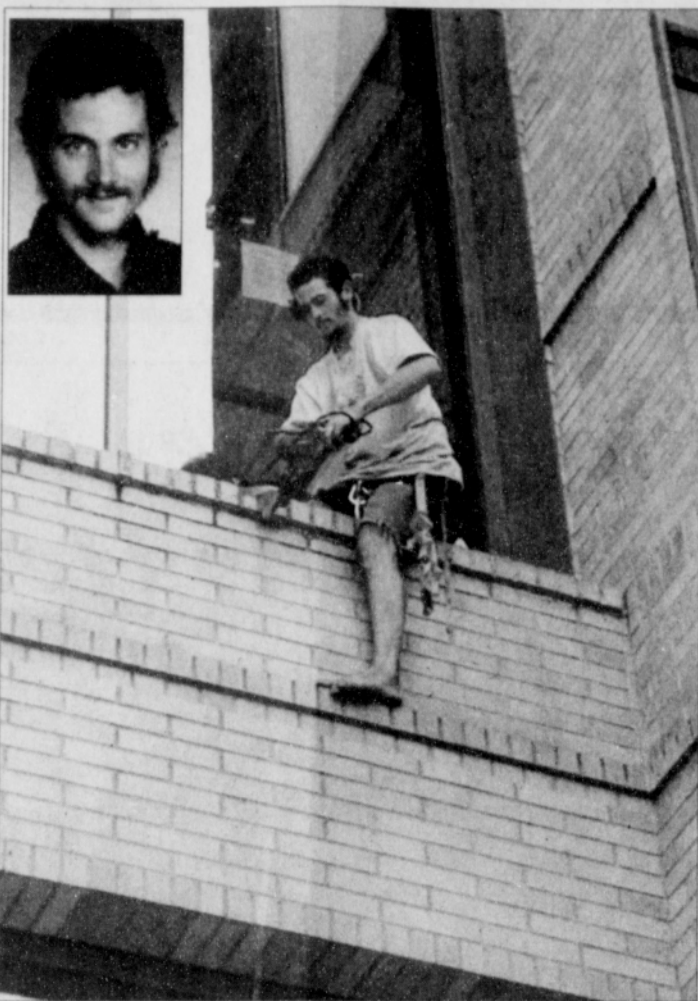
Credible sightings have been reported in Florida and Pennsylvania, where Arrow has family.

"He could be anywhere. He could be out of the country," Thornton said.

Arrow and his three co-defendants — Jacob D.B. Sherman, Angela M. Cesario and Jeremy D. Rosenbloom, all in their 20s — were accused of setting fire to three logging trucks to protest the controversial Eagle Creek federal timber sale near Mount Hood. Cesario and Rosenbloom pleaded guilty last month to their roles in the fires and await sentencing.

Authorities also charged Arrow and Sherman with the Easter 2001 arson of three concrete-mixing trucks in Portland, a fire that caused \$210,000 damage. The Earth Liberation Front, which the FBI classifies as one of the nation's most prolific domestic terrorist groups, claimed responsibility.

Sherman pleaded guilty in December to his role in the fires. He is expected to be sentenced next month to 41 months in prison.



Tre Arrow, the environmental activist who scaled a downtown building to protest logging in old growth forests, is wanted for firebombing logging and cement trucks.

## Intel Engineer Guilty of Helping Taliban

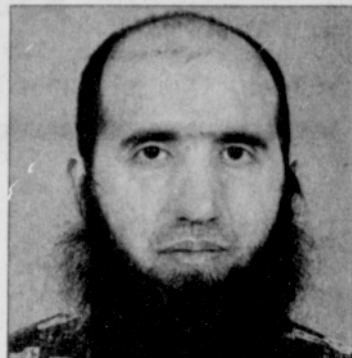
One of seven suspects negotiates plea on terrorism charge

(AP)—Maher Hawash, one of seven Portland-area suspects accused of plotting to wage war against U.S. troops in Afghanistan, accepted a plea deal last week that will send him to prison in exchange for testifying against other suspects.

Hawash, a software engineer who worked for Intel, pleaded guilty to conspiring to provide services to the Taliban, the ousted government in Afghanistan that's accused of giving comfort to the masterminds in the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. He will serve at least seven years in federal prison.

In exchange, prosecutors agreed to drop charges of conspiring to levy war against the United States and conspiring to provide material support for terrorism.

Federal judge Robert E. Jones said Hawash, as part of the plea agreement, had confessed to plotting with the other suspects to travel to Afghanistan to fight against U.S. soldiers there in the



Maher Hawash

fall of 2001.

"You and the others in the group were prepared to take up arms and die as martyrs if necessary, to defend the Taliban. Is this true?" Jones asked Hawash during the hearing.

"Yes, your honor," Hawash replied.

Hawash's attorney Steven Houze said his client had faced more than 20 years in prison, and perhaps a sentence that would put him behind bars for life.

In exchange for the reduced sentence, Hawash agreed to testify in federal court, before grand juries and before any potential military tribunals. He also agreed, if called upon, to cooperate with foreign governments to aid in their terrorism probes and to assist intelligence agencies.

## Bank Robberies Suspect Arrested

FBI agents and Portland police have arrested Timothy K. Dawson, 39, in connection with two bank robberies in the Portland area.

He's accused of robbing the Washington Mutual Bank at 4333 N.E. Sandy Blvd. where a man told a bank teller that he had a gun wrapped in material in his hand, but no weapon was seen. The other robbery occurred in Raleigh Hills.

Dawson was captured near the Banfield Motel on Northeast 37<sup>th</sup> Avenue shortly after a police chase sent officers looking for him inside Lloyd Center Mall.

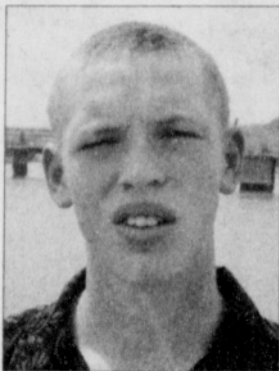
Investigators said they found a handgun and money in Dawson's motel room.

## Alleged Ringleader Caught

(AP) — Police have arrested an 18-year-old member of a "street family" of homeless youths accused in the May beating death of a mentally disabled woman who had befriended the group.

Carl Richard Alsop, sought on aggravated murder charges, was arrested in Seattle, police said.

He was one of several group members indicted in the death of 22-year-



Carl Richard Alsop

old Jessica Kate Williams, whose body was discovered beside railroad tracks near Portland's Eastbank Esplanade

Investigators say she was beaten, stabbed, doused in lighter fluid and burned.

Police allege that Williams was killed because she violated the street family's code of conduct. Rebecca Williams, her mother, said she

hopes all the suspects are prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

## Roofers Cause School Fire

A four-alarm fire gutted the roof and auditorium of Binnsmead Middle School at 2225 S.E. 87<sup>th</sup> Avenue early Monday evening.

Portland Fire and Rescue determined that a roofing company started the blaze by accidentally overheating the area while attaching flashing to the roof.

Damage was estimated at \$1.5 million to the building and \$300,000 to the contents.

The fire comes on the heels of several other school fires in the Portland area that were intentionally set by arsonists this summer.

Investigators are offering a \$5,000 reward in hopes of finding the arsonist responsible for a fire at Lent Elementary School, located near Southeast 97<sup>th</sup> and Holgate, which is only a block away from Binnsmead Middle School.

## Fannie Mae Announces New \$15 Billion Affordable Housing Investment Strategy for Oregon

**PORTLAND, OR** - In an effort to increase homeownership for underserved populations and help spark economic and community development in Oregon, representatives from Fannie Mae (FNM/NYSE), the nation's largest source of financing for home mortgages, today announced the American Dream Commitment® for Oregon, a \$15 billion investment strategy that will help provide affordable homeownership and rental opportunities for more than 150,000 low-, moderate-, and middle-income families over the next five years. Fannie Mae's Oregon Partnership Office will implement the new \$15 billion affordable housing strategy through targeted investments in community development and neighborhood revitalization, and by working with lenders, housing leaders, and city and state officials to identify the state's housing needs.

Today's announcement was held at the site of Museum Place, a three-block retail and housing development in the downtown West End area. Joining Governor Ted Kulongoski were community leaders Molly Bordonero, member of the Fannie Mae Board of Directors; Vanessa Gaston, president and CEO of the Urban League of Portland; and Doug Oblatz of Shiels, Oblatz, and Johnsen, developer of Museum Place.

Fannie Mae's new investment strategy follows the successful completion of the \$10 billion investment strategy announced in 1998 that served more than 97,000 Oregonians.

"The housing industry remains the economy's strongest foundation, providing new construction job opportunities, economic development, and affordable homeownership for working families," said Governor Kulongoski. "Fannie Mae's new \$15 billion investment strategy is welcome news for Oregon that will go a long way to address the unique housing needs of our market."

"This five-year affordable housing strategy will focus on community development and neighborhood revitalization, smart growth initiatives, and increasing minority homeownership," said Dick Anderson, director of Fannie Mae's Oregon Partnership Office. "We look forward to working with Governor Kulongoski and the state housing agencies to make homeownership a reality for more Oregonians." Over the next five years, Fannie Mae's Oregon Partnership Office will work with housing industry partners,

focusing attention and resources on expanding homeownership and rental housing opportunities for minority populations, first-time home buyers, and working families. This includes providing lender partners with affordable mortgage financing solutions, such as mortgages with low down payment requirements and flexible qualification criteria, and offering valuable resources to local nonprofit groups to help more working families become homeowners.

**Specific areas of focus that will help Fannie Mae implement the \$15 billion affordable housing strategy include:**

**Community Development & Neighborhood Revitalization.** Fannie Mae's American Communities Fund™ invests equity and funds debt to help leverage financial investments that bring new and restored economic life to neighborhoods, making them places families truly want to call home. Recent examples of such investments include: The mixed-use/mixed-income Museum Place development that features a Safeway grocery store, rental housing, and condominiums; and a revolving community development loan to the Oregon Housing and Community Services Department (OHCS) to provide pre-development financing for the new construction of affordable housing across the state.

**Reaching Out to Underserved Communities.** While homeownership rates have reached record levels, the rate for minority households lag the general population. In Oregon, the overall homeownership rate is 64 percent compared to 37 percent for African Americans and 36 percent for Hispanics. In the Portland MSA, the overall rate is 55 percent compared to 38 percent for African Americans and 31 percent for Hispanics. Fannie Mae will continue working to address barriers to homeownership for minority families through partnerships with the Urban League of Portland and other community partners, and technology and training for real estate brokers and nonprofit housing counseling agencies.


**Housing, Transportation & Environment.** Fannie Mae is a leading advocate for local housing solutions to help

communities plan for and accommodate anticipated growth in population and housing demands as well as harness efficient land use strategies. Specifically, Fannie Mae will support resource-efficient initiatives that promote the expansion of affordable housing across Oregon, including: the Smart Commute™ Initiative, which provides incentives for families to reduce transportation costs and apply the resulting savings toward the purchase of a home; and the Portland General Electric's Efficiency Services Group MORE™ energy-saving pilot, which enables homeowners in Portland, Salem, and Vancouver to finance up to \$4,000 in resource-efficient improvements to their homes.

**Business Community & Housing.** Employer assisted housing (EAH) benefits are an effective recruitment and retention tool for employers, and can be customized to offer a variety of assistance, including home-buyer education, or a loan or grant to help fund down payments, closing costs, or interest rate buy-downs. Fannie Mae is working with the Portland Business Alliance, and businesses and municipalities statewide to offer free technical assistance to employers interested in providing these valuable housing benefits to their employees.

"The Urban League of Portland is eager to work with Fannie Mae and other partners to find better ways to effectively serve the homeownership needs of African Americans, because the current methods do not appear to be working for our communities of color," said Vanessa Gaston, president and CEO of the Urban League of Portland. "The Urban League can participate in this effort by being a catalyst to help change this. The focus and goal must be on closing the gap in homeownership."

For more information on Fannie Mae's American Dream Commitment for Oregon, which includes information on Fannie Mae's affordable mortgage products and a list of local lenders, consumers may call Fannie Mae's Consumer Resource Center at 1-800-7FANNIE (1-800-732-6643), Monday through Friday, 6:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. PT.

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