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## Ten Commandments Judge Won't Budge

Religious supporters pitted against judicial system

(AP) — Protesters hoping to keep a Ten Commandments monument in the state judicial building in Montgomery, Ala. marched on Attorney General Bill Pryor's office Tuesday, demanding he resign for abiding by a federal court order for the marker's removal.

About 150 monument supporters marched from the judicial building to the nearby Statehouse to meet with Pryor, but were met by 10 state police blocking the door. Seven representatives were allowed inside to meet with Pryor's chief deputy for about 20 minutes.

The rest of the group remained outside, chanting, "Resign now! Resign

now!"

The 5,300-pound monument remained in the rotunda of the judicial building, where chief Justice Roy Moore installed it two years ago. A federal judge has held it violates the constitution's ban on government promotion of religious doctrine

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and gave Moore a deadline of last Wednesday to remove it.

When Moore refused, associate justices ordered it out, supported by Pryor. Moore also was suspended Friday on charges of violating canons of judicial

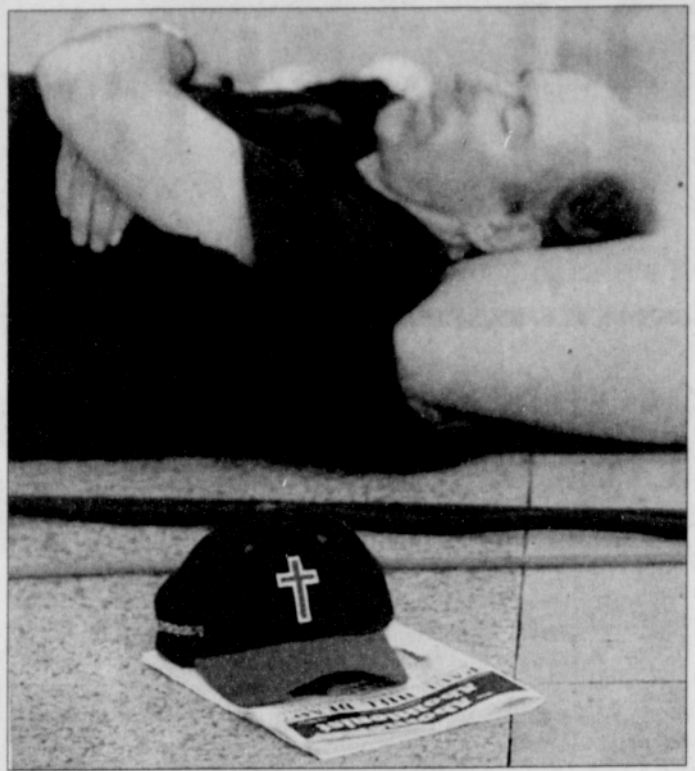
ethics for refusing to obey the court order, and Pryor will oversee his prosecution.

Patrick Mahoney, director of the Christian Defense Coalition, accused Pryor of political grandstanding to aid his nomination to a federal appeals court. It has been stalled by Senate Democrats who attacked the Republican Pryor for stands against abortion and in favor of state's rights.

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"Bill Pryor should be protecting the citizens of Alabama instead of campaigning to get confirmation to the 11th Circuit," Mahoney said.

In a brief speech Monday, Moore told a cheering crowd he would fight to return to his elected position and said the case against him is based not on something he did wrong but because "I've kept my oath."



Shawn Gotch of Michigan sleeps on the steps of the State Judicial Building in Montgomery, Ala. where demonstrators are maintaining a 24-hour vigil to prevent officials from removing a Ten Commandments monument from inside the courthouse. (AP Photo)

## Boy's Church Death Ruled a Homicide

Child smothered in exorcism to cure him of autism

(AP) — An autistic 8-year-old Wisconsin boy who died after he was wrapped in sheets during a prayer service suffocated, according to the medical examiner's office. The death was ruled a homicide.

Terrance Cottrell Jr. died because his chest was somehow restricted and could not expand, according to a statement issued by the office of the Milwaukee County coroner.

Police arrested a man on suspicion of physical abuse causing death, said Lt. Steven Spingola.

Authorities have not identified who was arrested, but David Hemphill Sr., bishop of the Faith Temple Church of the Apostolic Faith, said the man is his brother, Ray, another minister who led Friday's service.

The mother had been taking her son to the church in a run-down



Bishop David Hemphill Sr., the pastor of a Wisconsin church where an 8-year-old died while wrapped in sheets during a prayer service, talks to a reporter outside his home Milwaukee. (AP photo)

strip mall three times a week for the last three weeks in hopes of curing his autism, David Hemphill said.

It was after more than an hour of prayer that a parishioner noticed the boy was no longer moving and called emergency workers, Hemphill said.

"We were asking God to take this spirit that was tormenting this little boy to death,"

Hemphill said church members had wrapped the boy in sheets to keep him from scratching himself and others, but he was allowed to sit "any way that he feels comfortable."

Autism is a developmental disability, typically diagnosed during the first three years of life, that affects the normal development of the brain in the areas of social interaction and communication skills.

## Van Crash Kills Firefighter Crew

(AP) — Eight Oregon firefighters died in a head-on collision with a semitrailer truck on Sunday on U.S. Highway 20 in far eastern Oregon. The men were returning after spending about two weeks fighting wildfires in Idaho.

Killed were Ricardo "Ricky" Ruiz, 19, Mark Ransdell, 23, Jesse

James, 22, David Hammer, 38, Leland Price Jr., 27, Paul Gibson, 25, Richard B. Moore II, 21, and Jeff Hengel, 21. Hammer and Moore were from Portland. The other victims were from Roseburg and Myrtle Creek.

The van apparently tried to pass another truck on a curve and

crossed the double-yellow line when it collided with the semi-truck about 10 miles west of Vale, Ore., according to the Malheur County Sheriff's Department.

The firefighters worked for First Strike Environmental, a Roseburg-based contract firefighting company.

## Esteemed Attorney to Represent Ford

Defendant one of seven charged with aiding terrorism

(AP) — A federal judge has agreed to let esteemed New York attorney Stanley Cohen represent one of seven Portland residents charged with aiding terrorism.

Patrice Lumumba Ford is accused of traveling to China with four other men shortly after the Sept. 11 terrorist attack in 2001 in a failed effort to enter Afghanistan and aid the Taliban. A woman also is charged in the case, and another man has pleaded guilty after admitting he and his friends were prepared to die as martyrs.

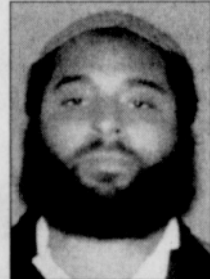
U.S. District Judge Robert Jones warned Ford on Friday that prosecutors had raised a legitimate con-

cern because Cohen could face a potential conflict of interest after representing a Muslim religious leader in Portland now under investigation for an alleged role in the conspiracy.

Jones told Ford that Cohen may have to cross-examine Mohamed Abdirahman Kariye in order to defend Ford, setting up the potential for divided loyalties between Cohen's current and former clients.

Kariye was sentenced last May to five years on probation after pleading guilty to using a fraudulent Social Security number and defrauding a state health insurance program for the poor by underestimating his income.

Cohen was his attorney in the case, and had repeatedly criticized the Bush administration for pro-



Patrice Lumumba Ford

cuting Kariye, a respected Muslim cleric at the only Portland-area mosque with a full-time imam.

But Ford told Jones in court on Friday he saw no potential for a conflict of interest, and even if there was the possibility, he said he would do whatever is necessary to substitute counsel.

He also told the judge that he intended to go to trial and would not accept any plea bargain "even if they let me walk out of here right now."

Cohen said he felt uniquely qualified to represent Ford because he has represented other Muslims in politically sensitive cases, and he has traveled extensively in the Middle East and understands its culture.

## Attempted Murder Case Baffles Police

Authorities are baffled by the mysterious shooting of a man in northeast Portland.

Rudi Mariel Zapata-Flores, 21, was talking with friends at about 10:20 p.m. on July 10 in the 6900 block of Northeast Killingsworth Street when a vehicle containing several Hispanic males stopped.

Someone in the vehicle singled Zapata-Flores out and in Spanish called him over. He got on his bike and rode to the vehicle, at which time he was shot and fell to the ground.

Police said the suspects looked

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at the victim lying on the ground, laughed at him and then drove away.

According to investigators,

while the suspects are believed to have gang affiliation, Zapata-Flores, who lived in northeast Portland and worked full time, had no criminal record or known gang ties.

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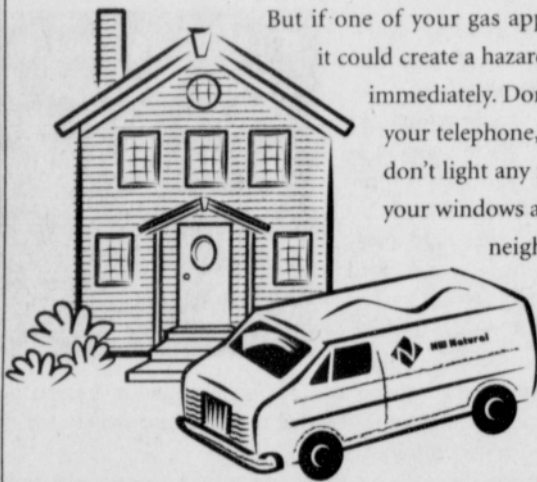
Crime Stoppers is offering a cash reward of up to \$1,000 for information, reported to Crime Stoppers, that leads to an arrest in this case, or any unsolved felony crime, and you can remain anonymous. Call Crime Stoppers at 503-823-4357.

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