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Officer Suspended in Kendra James Shooting

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were tactically unsound.

The police union president immediately pledged to appeal the punishment, defended McCollister's actions and assailed the chief's decision.

The chief identified McCollister's lack of tactical planning in deciding how to get James out of the car, his entering the car, the unholstering of his firearm inside the car and his failure to operate his pepper spray effectively as factors that led to his discipline.

"I don't think Officer McCollister meant harm to Kendra James, or I would have recommended termination," Kroeker said. "I think the tactical considerations that led up to this on his behalf were improper, and they constitute misconduct."

In late May, a Multnomah County grand jury found no criminal wrongdoing by McCollister. He told investigators he shot James, 21, because he feared for his life when James tried to drive away from a traffic stop on North Skidmore Street. McCollister said 80 percent of his body was in the car as he tried to get her out when she put the car into drive.

The police union characterized the lengthy suspension as the harshest discipline ever meted out by the bureau aside from a termination. The union said it would cause the officer "financial devastation."

Robert King, president of the Portland Police Association, called it "at the very least confusing, and



Kendra James

at the very worst dangerous, to the police officers risking their lives every day on the streets of Portland."

"Rank-and-file police officers honestly do not understand what it was that Officer McCollister is alleged to have done incorrectly," King said.

Community leaders had mixed reactions.

The Rev. Roy Tate, president of the Albina Ministerial Alliance and a vocal critic of the shooting, called it a "pretty healthy suspension," but said, "We're not jumping up and down."

Ken Walker, the Portland attorney representing Kenneth James, Kendra James' father, said he expects to file a wrongful-death lawsuit next month against the city and the police. He said James' father is not satisfied with the suspension.

Killer Expects Reward in Heaven

(AP) — An unrepentant Paul Hill boasted Tuesday on the eve of his execution for the shotgun slaying of an abortion doctor: "I expect a great reward in heaven."

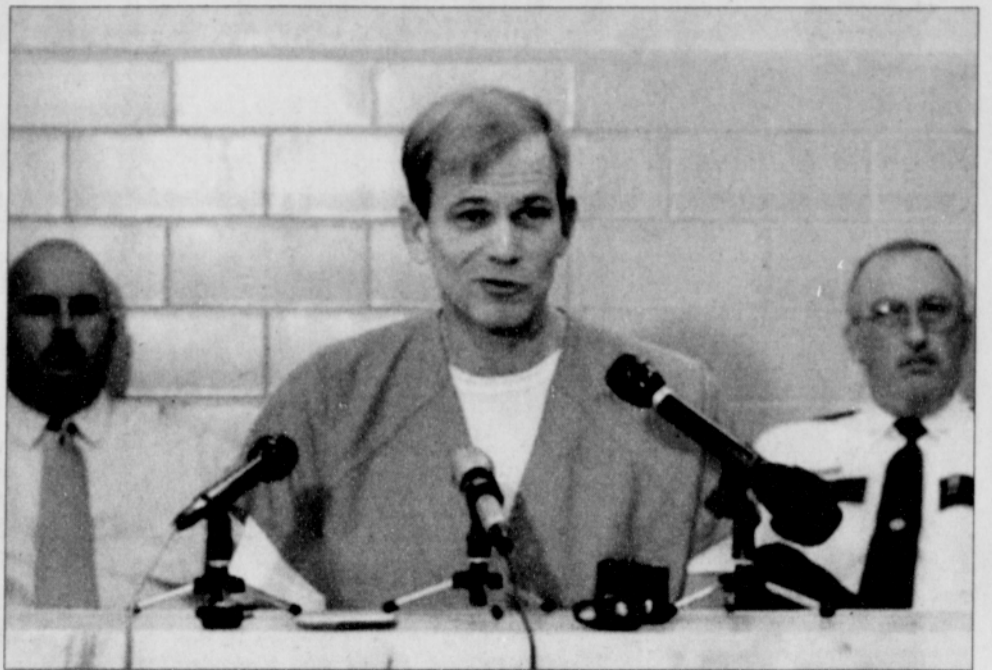
Barring an unlikely last-minute stay, the 49-year-old former minister will be put to death by lethal injection Wednesday evening for the 1994 murders in Pensacola of Dr. John Britton and his escort. He will be the first person executed in the United States for anti-abortion violence.

In a jailhouse interview, Hill suggested the state will be making a martyr out of him.

"The sooner I am executed ... the sooner I am going to heaven," he said. "I am looking forward to glory. I don't feel remorse."

Abortion-rights groups worry that Hill's execution will trigger reprisals by those who share his steadfast belief that violence to stop abortion is justified. Several Florida officials connected to the case received threatening letters last week, accompanied by rifle bullets.

Death penalty opponents have also pointed to the prospect of violence as a reason to stop this execution in particular.



Paul Hill talks to the media Tuesday as prison officials look on. Hill is scheduled to be executed Wednesday for the 1994 murders of Dr. John Britton and his escort James Barrett outside an abortion clinic in Pensacola, Fla. (AP Photo/Peter Cosgrove)

Congressman Faces Manslaughter Charge

(AP) — U.S. Rep. Bill Janklow was charged Friday with second-degree manslaughter in the death of a motorcyclist in crash at a rural intersection earlier this month.

Janklow was driving an estimated 70 to 75 mph when his Cadillac went through a stop sign at the intersection, according to a Highway Patrol report. The motorcycle hit the



U.S. Rep. Bill Janklow

congressman's car, and the rider, Randolph E. Scott, 55, was killed.

Moody County State's Attorney Bill Ellingson also filed three misdemeanor charges: failure to stop at a stop sign, speeding and reckless driving.

Ellingson said he ruled out the stronger charge of vehicular homicide, which requires the driver to be under the influence of

alcohol or drugs.

If convicted of second-degree manslaughter, Janklow could face up to 10 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine.

Janklow, a Republican, is one of South Dakota's most powerful politicians. He was elected to the state's only U.S. House seat last year and previously served 16 years as governor and four years as state attorney general.

Laurelhurst Pipe Bomber Guilty

(AP) — A man who planted a pipe bomb that seriously injured a man outside his home in the Laurelhurst neighborhood will face 12 years in prison. Timothy Michael Goff, 44, of Port Orchard, Wash.,

pleaded guilty to attempted aggravated murder in the 2000 bombing that maimed Barry Hornstein. In September 2001, Goff was sentenced in Benton County, Wash., to two months in jail for child rape.



School Zone Safety Urged by Officials

As back-to-school time arrives, transportation officials are reminding motorists to be alert for children

walking and riding bikes to and from schools and bus stops.

"You have the responsibility to be alert and avoid injuring children," said Rick Waring of the Oregon Department of Transportation's Safety Division.

The best way to avoid a tragedy is simple: Slow down and be alert. Obey the posted speed in school

zones whenever children might be present. Extracurricular activities mean that children will be traveling in school zones from early morning to well into the evening hours.

"This is not about avoiding a ticket. This is about avoiding tragedy. As drivers, we need to remember that we are the adults driving the 3,000-pound steel machines.

We are responsible," Waring said. Motorists also should expect children to occasionally walk or pedal into unsafe areas.

"Children are not little adults. They are still developing their sensory and cognitive skills, so adults need to be especially cautious when driving in areas frequented by kids," Waring said.

Deputy Wins Discrimination Lawsuit

(AP) — The first black deputy hired by the Clackamas County sheriff's office has won an appeal of his discrimination lawsuit against the county after a judge reduced a \$1.4 million jury award.

The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that damages awarded to

Carmichael "Carl" Bell must be reconsidered and can be increased.

U.S. District Judge John Jelderks in April 2001 had reduced the punitive damages from \$617,122 to \$70,000, ruling the amount awarded by a jury was excessive.

Jelderks let stand the separate

award of \$750,000 in compensatory damages, and he ordered Clackamas County to pay all of Bell's legal costs.

Bell claimed he was fired from the sheriff's office in 1998 because he complained of racial profiling and discrimination.

Police Dog Bites Vancouver Baby

(AP) — A police dog searching for a 42-year-old man bit the suspect's 1-year-old baby on the back of the head, but the child wasn't seriously injured, Vancouver police said.

Michael E. Schnoor, 42, was

lying on his back in tall grass, hiding from officers, with his baby on his chest when the dog found them Sunday.

The child was bandaged at Southwest Washington Medical Center and sent home.

Schnoor was arrested on suspicion of first-degree criminal mistreatment and two counts of second-degree possession of stolen property, both felonies, and fourth-degree domestic violence assault, a misdemeanor.

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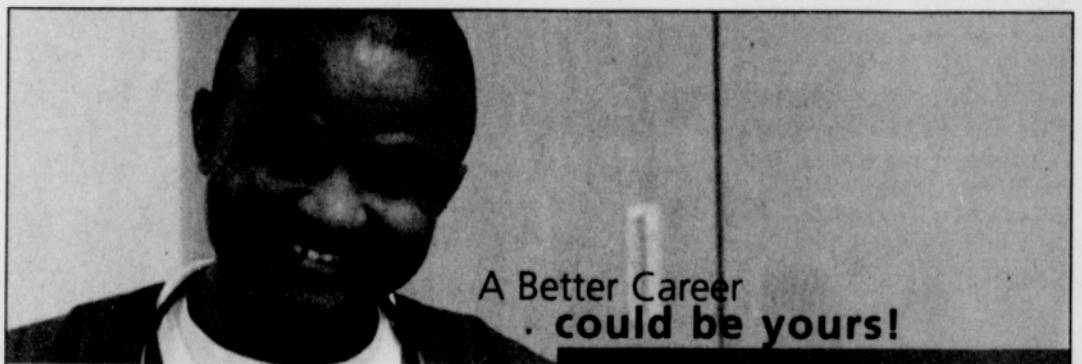
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