

POLICE

CRIME STOPPERS

Thieves Steal Money and Identity



Police photographs show a couple wanted for identity theft and fraud.

Portland Police, in cooperation with Crime Stoppers, are asking for your help in identifying and apprehending a woman who hijacked another person's identity and her boyfriend who is wanted for parole violations.

In October 2001, a person falsely claiming to be 27-year-old Noelle Susanne Malone got a job as a clerk for Plaid Pantry. During this year's July 4th weekend, she disappeared with a substantial amount of deposited money from two Plaid Pantry stores.

According to detectives, the "real" Malone lived in Southern

California and had her identity stolen. She reportedly is still trying to clear-up the legal and financial "mess" created by the "fake" Malone, who was even arrested for prostitution in Las Vegas.

The suspect is described as a white woman in her mid- to late-20s, 5 feet 1 inches tall, weighing about 130 pounds, with blue eyes and brown hair that may be dyed red. She may be traveling with a boyfriend, 32-year-old Delbert Clifford Socha, who has an outstanding warrant for parole violation on a fraud charge.

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 need not give your name. Call Crime Stoppers at 503-823-4357.

Ex Chief Potter Runs for Mayor

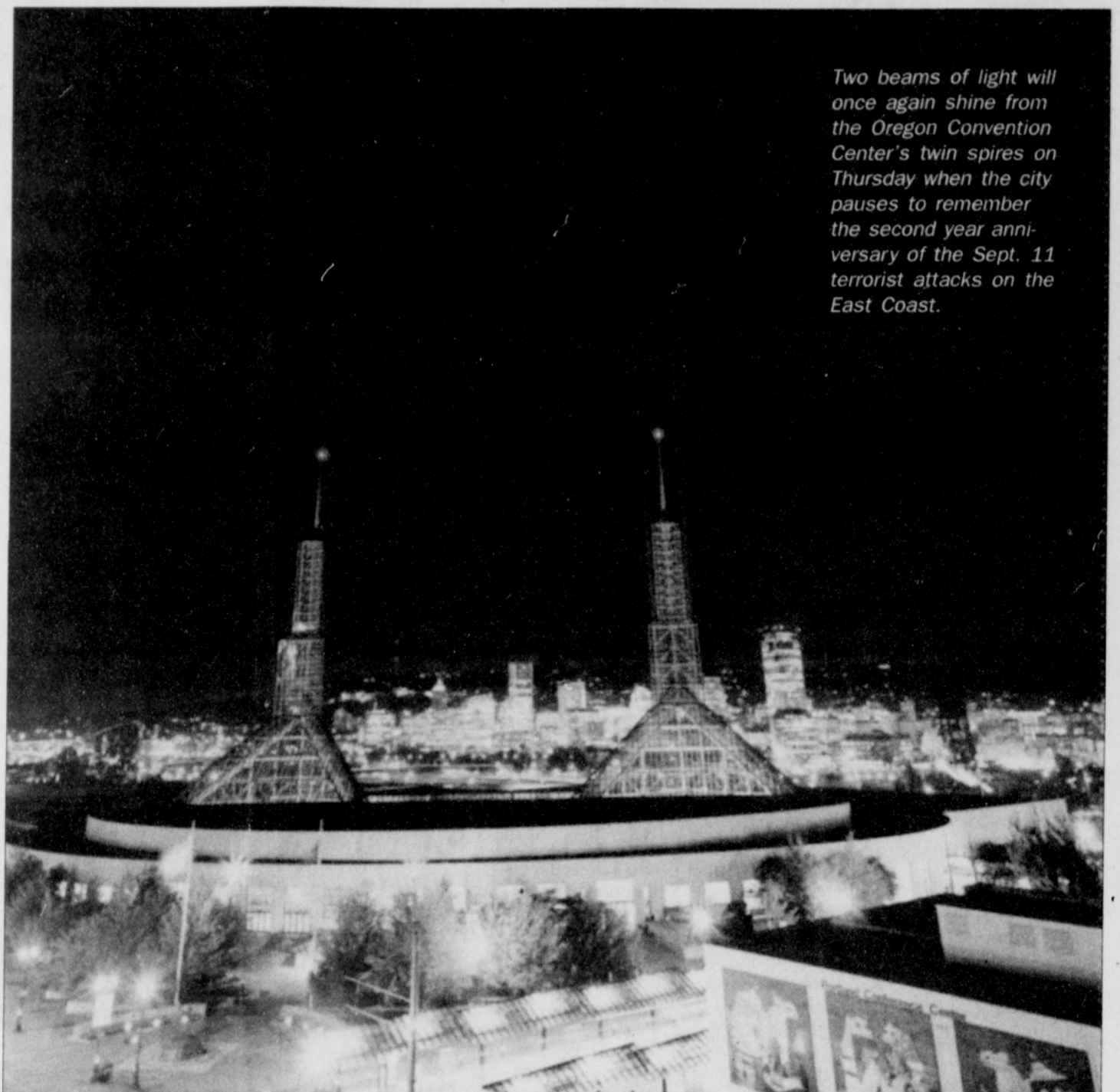
A police figure from Portland's past is adding competition to the city's mayoral race next year.

Former Police Chief Tom Potter announced his candidacy last Wednesday, the day after Rep. Earl

Blumenauer announced he would not join the race.

Despite rumors of potential candidates only one other candidate, City Commissioner Jim Francesconi, has formally joined the race.

BEACONS OF HOPE



Two beams of light will once again shine from the Oregon Convention Center's twin spires on Thursday when the city pauses to remember the second year anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on the East Coast.

Rising nearly 1,000 feet into the night sky, representing the height of the demolished Twin Towers in New York, two beams of light will once again shine above Portland's Convention Center as a "light me-

morial" to the victims of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

The beams will shine beginning at 9:11 p.m. on Thursday on the two-year anniversary of the East Coast attacks and will shine each night

through Veterans Day, Nov. 11.

A public lighting ceremony will be held outdoors in the northeast plaza area of the Convention Center near the corner of Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and Northeast

Holladay Street.

Thanks to Pacific Power and other local volunteers, the beams will shine even brighter than they did during a light memorial at the Portland landmark last year.

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Tigard Settles Police Abuse Case

Black man falsely stopped twice in DUI checks

(AP) — The city of Tigard has settled a lawsuit claiming police abused their power when one officer offered another a steak dinner to arrest a black motorist.

Jimmy Brown, said the officer bore a grudge against him and persuaded a colleague to follow him after he left a pub and arrest him for drunken driving last December. However, a breathalyzer and urine test found no traces of alcohol, and the charges were dropped.

The city does not admit any wrongdoing in the \$127,500 settlement, reached last week, but agrees

to destroy records of the stop and arrest.

The settlement also resolves a previous federal lawsuit filed by Brown, who claimed he was unlawfully stopped and detained at Tigard High School in 1999 because of his race.

In that instance, Tigard police had Brown perform a field sobriety test when they saw him smoking a cigar and drinking a pop while parked outside the school. Police released Brown an hour later without filing any charges.

In his second suit, Brown claimed that a policeman originally named in the first suit, Michael Webber, was out for revenge when he happened upon Brown drinking with his wife in a Tigard pub.

"This should cause the community to begin to think about some things, to think about the policies and practices of this department," Brown, said.

According to Brown, he and his wife were having drinks at O'Brien's pub when he saw Webber walk in about 10 p.m. wearing his uniform.

Brown said Webber left the pub. When the couple left the pub about an hour later after each having two alcoholic drinks, another officer, Bruce Peters, stopped Brown and asked him to take a field sobriety test.

Webber, answering written questions from Brown's attorney, said he "jokingly" told Peters he would buy a steak for anyone who issued a ticket to Jimmy Brown.

City attorneys confirmed there had been a discussion of a steak dinner, but said there was probable cause to pull over Brown's car.

Brown said the arrest has made him afraid to drink socially in public.

PDX Security Layoffs

Budget cuts land 200 screeners on unemployment line

(AP) — Almost 200 airport screening jobs at Portland International Airport are being trimmed as part of a nationwide effort by the Transportation Security Administration to cut costs.

Since January, about 80 federal screeners have quit or been fired. Another 110 will be let go in the coming months. That's about 20 percent of the screening staff.

At the Portland airport, the cuts will mean longer lines at security checkpoints in the afternoons, said Bob Jackson, the federal security director there, with waits of about 10 minutes.

But he said the transportation agency will be adding some part-time screeners. Jackson said the cuts will not have too great an effect on security.

In April, the agency announced it would cut 6,000 of its approximately 55,000 screeners by the end of September. The agency said the staffing cuts are based on a review of each airport, its security needs, and the number of travelers passing through.

The agency has also had its budget cut, from \$6.16 billion in 2003 to a proposed \$4.82 billion in the coming year.

Still, the cuts have provided additional ammunition for congressional critics who say the agency has been poorly managed. The transportation agency was criticized this spring after it was shown that more than 1,200 screeners already working at U.S. airports, including some who had felony records, were fired for failing background checks.

About 25 had been transferred to other airports. And about 50 quit, Jackson said.

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