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## Philadelphia Mayor's Office Bugged

### Hidden listening device tied to FBI investigation

AP—The bugging of Mayor John F. Street's office during a campaign marked by accusations of race-baiting has heightened long-standing tensions between blacks and the FBI - concerns that date to the 1960s civil rights movement.

Many in Philadelphia's black community say the mayor would not be under such scrutiny if he was white, and Street himself suggested that "racial biases" could have something to do with the FBI investigation.

The FBI has refused to provide details about the hidden listening devices found last week. Street said federal prosecutors have assured him he is not a target of the investigation.

"If he's not the target of the investigation, why bug his office?" said Michael Coard, a black Philadelphia lawyer and activist. "He's the mayor, he's a black man, and he's a lawyer."

Black leaders long have alleged that there is a pattern of racial bias by the FBI, citing J. Edgar Hoover's authorization of wiretaps on Martin Luther King Jr. because he thought the civil rights leader was a communist. They also point to investigations of Malcolm X, former Washington, D.C. Mayor Marion Barry and other prominent black figures.

"There's been, and the FBI has admitted it at times, unfair investigation and surveillance of African-Americans," said Rep. Chaka Fattah, D-Pa., who is black. "There's less restraint on the leash."

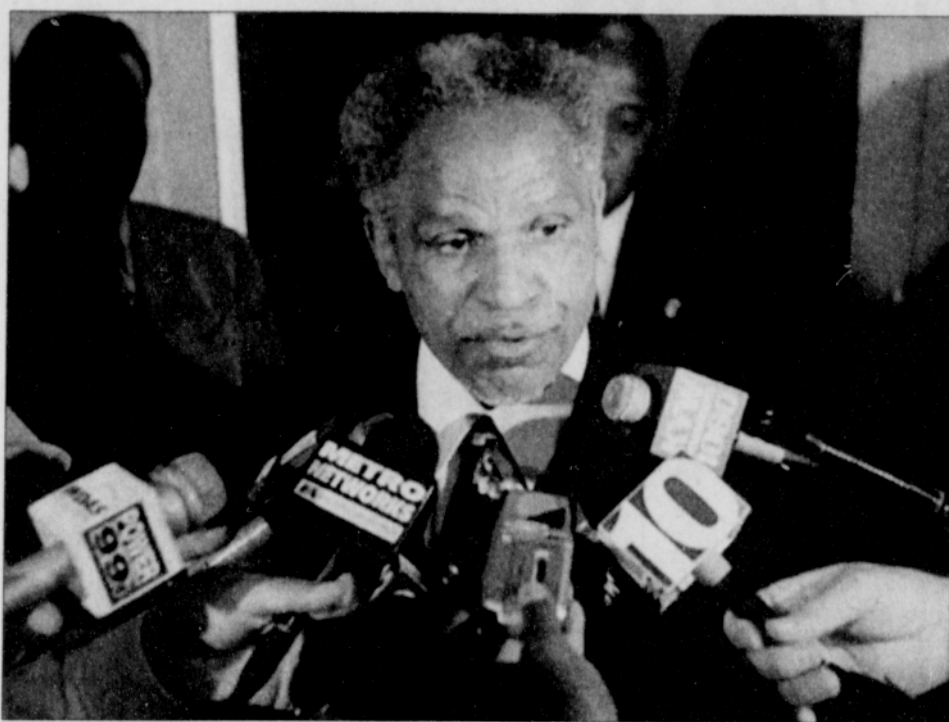
Street addressed the issue during a debate with Republican challenger Sam Katz last Thursday. "In the true spirit of candor, there are some people, particularly in the African-American commu-

nity, that believe this is too much of a coincidence to be a coincidence," Street said.

Supporters of both Street and Katz, who is white, have accused each other of race-baiting. In August, someone tossed what was believed to have been an unlit firebomb through the window of a Katz campaign office. An aide to Street and a former city employee were charged with making threats after getting into a confrontation the same day.

"There's a significant strain. It's impossible to measure it or quantify it," said J. Whyatt Mondesire, president of the Philadelphia chapter of the NAACP.

In 1990, Washington, D.C. Mayor Marion Barry was indicted on perjury and cocaine possession charges stemming from an FBI sting operation that caught him smoking crack cocaine in a downtown Washington hotel. He was convicted on misdemeanor possession charge and served six months in jail.



Philadelphia Mayor John F. Street suggested that racial biases could have something to do with an FBI investigation that placed a secret listening device in his office. (AP photo)

## Senator's Wife Escapes Carjacking

AP—A recent carjacking in Gresham involved the wife of an Oregon State Senator Rick Metsger.

Kay Metsger, was stopped at a light around 3:30 p.m. Oct. 5 when a man jumped into the passenger seat of her car and ordered her to drive on, said Officer Grant McCormick, Gresham police spokesman.

Kay Metsger didn't see a weapon, but the man had a "wild

look in his eye," McCormick said. He was bleeding from an injury sustained in an alleged burglary, Sen. Metsger said.

Kay Metsger got out of the car and the man sped off, with several witnesses in pursuit, McCormick said.

After a car and foot chase, officers arrested Joshua Gary Gale in a Gresham garage.

Gale, 23, was charged with at-

tempted kidnapping, unauthorized use of a vehicle, robbery, theft and burglary. He is held in the Multnomah County Jail on more than \$1 million bail.

"It was a harrowing experience. I think she handled the situation absolutely perfectly," said Sen. Metsger. "She went with her instincts and made the right choice and everything worked out well."

## FBI to Open Cyber Crime Lab in Portland

AP—The FBI is opening a regional computer forensics lab in Portland.

Rep. David Wu, D-Ore., said the lab will look for evidence of crimes on computer hard drives that are seized during investigations, including terrorism cases. The lab will also serve as

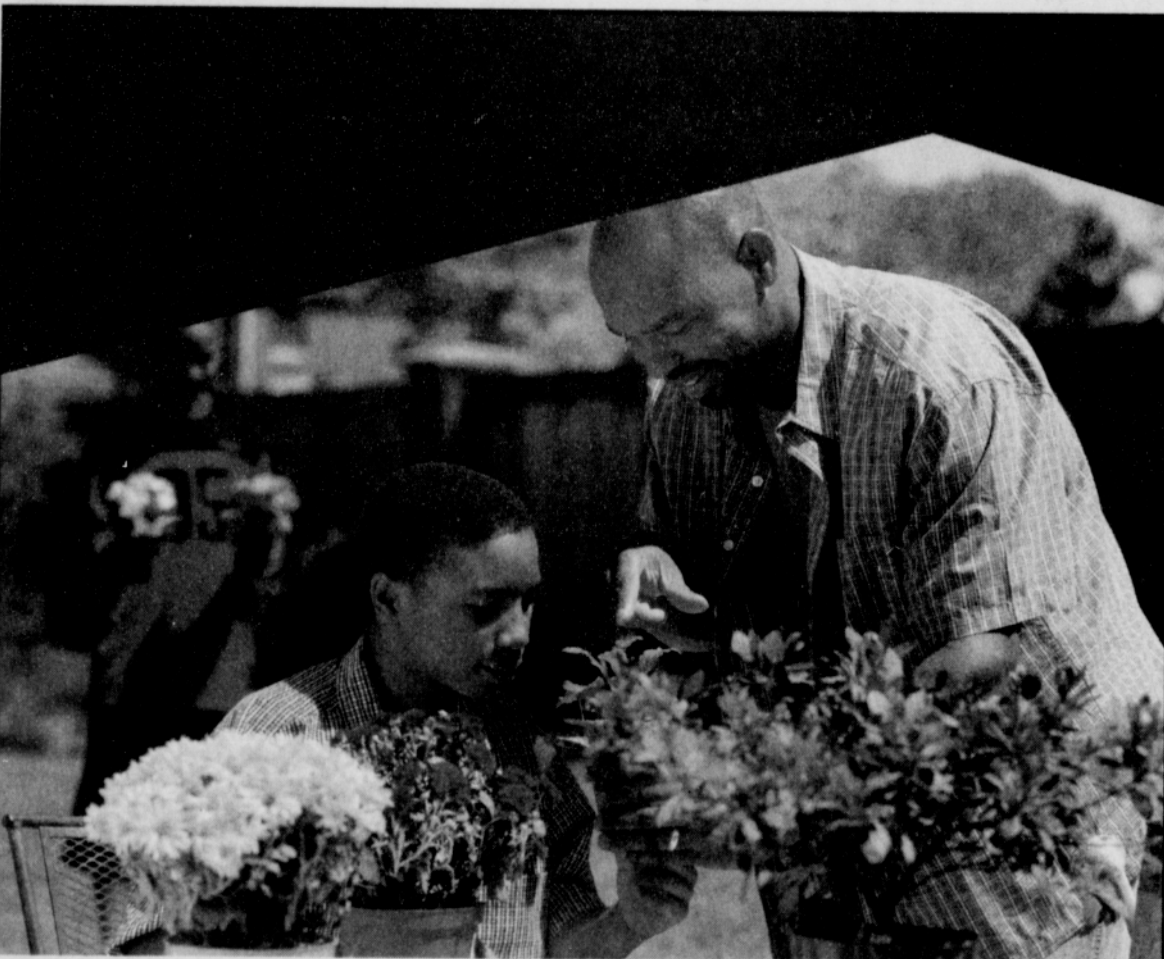
a police training center.

The decision to award the lab to Portland caps a long effort by the FBI, Oregon State Police and law enforcement in Hillsboro, Portland, Beaverton and Gresham.

The lab will cost up to \$2 million to

build and about \$7 million in equipment and training over the next five years. It will be staffed by 12 to 15 computer experts.

Robert Jordan, who heads the FBI in Oregon, said office space for the lab hasn't been leased yet.



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## Men Killed in Neighborhood Shootings

Two men died after being shot in northeast Portland Sunday.

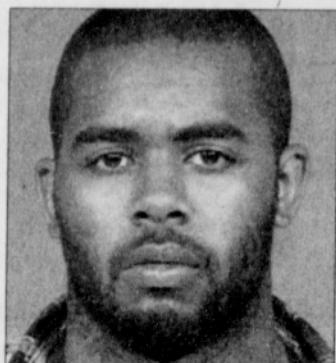
Emanuel Christopher Mosley, 28, was fatally injured inside a vehicle parked on Northeast 16th Avenue and Summer. He died shortly after paramedics lifted him into an ambulance before dawn Sunday, Portland Police Officer Henry Groepper said.

Cameron Brandice Ware was shot on Northeast 18th Avenue, near Alberta Park Sunday night. Paramedics rushed him to the hospital where he later died of his injuries. Police said the 22-year-old son was shot in the driveway of his family's home.

No arrests were reported in either case.



Cameron Brandice Ware



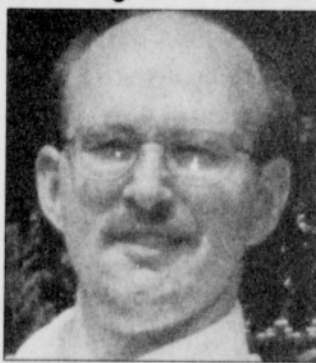
Emanuel Christopher Mosley

## Accused Family Killer Faces Trial

AP—A judge has scheduled court appearances for a north Portland man accused of killing his wife and children following a ruling that he is competent to stand trial.

Edward Morris will enter a plea Nov. 19, according to the order by Judge David Hantke. Several motion hearings are set for December and January.

Morris is charged with seven counts of aggravated murder in the deaths of his pregnant wife and three children, who were found dead



Edward Morris

Dec. 21 in the Tillamook State Forest. Morris was arrested Jan. 4 in Baker City after a nationwide

manhunt.

Hantke ruled Oct. 2 that Morris is competent to stand trial. That ruling came after a third mental evaluation of Morris, 37, at the Oregon State Hospital. The first two reports, taken together, were considered by Hantke to be inconclusive.

His defense attorneys have said that even if Morris were judged competent to stand trial, it would not rule out a defense that he was insane when the crimes were committed.

## Landlords Get Crime Prevention Tips

The Vancouver Police Department will be hosting a free seminar for landlords that will discuss basic landlord/tenant laws, landlord responsibility, dealing with drug activity and crime prevention.

Space is limited for this Oct. 22 seminar

and pre-registration is required.

Please contact Marion Swendsen, Vancouver Police Department by phone at 360-735-8770 or by email at [marion.swendsen@ci.vancouver.wa.us](mailto:marion.swendsen@ci.vancouver.wa.us) for more information or to register.

## Protecting Vulnerable Adults

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and Disability Services is bringing attention to a largely unreported phenomenon, abuse to elders and disabled people by their caregivers.

The department has named October as Vulnerable Adult Abuse Awareness Month and Wednesday, Oct. 15 as Awareness Day.

"Anyone who is vulnerable either because of age or a disability deserves to be protected from abuse, neglect or exploitation," said Multnomah County Commissioner Maria Rojo de Steffey.

The day will be marked with the premier of "A Helping Hand for Caregivers: Recognizing and Understanding Abuse," a video produced in part by people with disabilities describing their sometimes-frightening experiences with caregivers.

Brian Burr, 30, played a part in the film. Burr, who is quadriplegic, has endured abuse, including caregivers walking out on him, sexually abusing him and stealing his credit cards and identity.

"My role in the film project is basically

(to communicate that) we're already dependant, whether disabled or elderly, so you don't need to make us feel more disabled or more dependant than we already are by taking advantage of the situation, be it financially, or physically or through neglect," Burr said.

Georgianne Obinger of northeast Portland, has been quadriplegic since a diving accident in her teens. She tells about some of her worst experiences with caregivers in the film.

Obinger recalls incidences where she's had money and jewelry stolen, and has been left in bed from caregivers who walked out on her. She's also been verbally abused by caregivers.

"Some people responding to in-home care-giving jobs are not emotionally prepared to do the work and take it out on people who need the care, including me," Obinger said.

Both Burr and Obinger recommend thoroughly checking the references of potential caregivers, clearly communicating your needs and not tolerating dangerous and abusive situations.