

LAW & JUSTICE

Minister Charged

Cary G. Pratt, resident and pastor of Evangel Temple and Hope House in north Portland, was arrested Oct. 26 on charges of sexual abuse.

Police said he is accused of sexually abusing a child he met through his church.

He was taken into custody during a traffic stop near North Portland Boulevard and Interstate Avenue. Bail was set at \$500,000.

Police ask that anyone with information about the case, call them at 503-988-6400.



Cary G. Pratt

Meth Fight Targets Cold Remedies

Stores must put products behind counter

(AP)—Retail sales of cold remedies that can be readily converted into illegal methamphetamine will be restricted under new rules approved by state regulators.

Retail sales of drugs such as Sudafed had posed serious problems for law enforcement agencies

trying to contain a growing meth epidemic in Oregon, with the highest per capita number of people undergoing meth addiction treatment in the nation.

Meth cooks buy or shoplift cold remedies as a source of pseudoephedrine, the active ingredient in both the legal medicine and the powerful illegal drug.

Acting on the recommendation of Gov. Ted Kulongoski, the Oregon Pharmacy Board voted to restrict sales to licensed pharmacies

for cold medicine containing pseudoephedrine as the sole active ingredient.

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Drugs that contain pseudoephedrine along with other active ingredients, or in combination with glycerin that complicates its conver-

sion into meth, can be sold by retailers but only from behind a counter, the board ruled.

For all sales of medicine containing pseudoephedrine, customers must show identification, according to the rule.

Police had asked that the names of customers be logged to thwart a common practice of meth cooks of visiting dozens of stores to buy a few packets of cold medicine at each. The requirement was left out of the version of the new rule.

Death Followed Adult Chat

Three people charged in murder case

(AP)—Portland police say a local attorney who was found dead in a remote part of the Mount Hood National Forest was strangled after arranging a meeting with a woman he met through an adult telephone chat line.

Two people are now facing charges in the death of Douglas Swanson. One is Lydia Marie Way, 22, whom police say frequented pornographic phone and Internet chat services. The other is Stewart Lueb, 32. Additionally, police said Mark Hudgens was arrested and charged with theft in connection with the murder.

Portland homicide detectives have traced Swanson's cell



Douglas Swanson

Swanson met Way, but authorities suspect Way and Lueb, both methamphetamine addicts, had conspired to target Swanson and rip him off.

Twenty-four hours after Swanson was last seen, two patrol officers found Lueb driving Swanson's car on North Albina Avenue.


That led detectives to Swanson's body near Fish Creek Road in the Mount Hood National Forest. An autopsy showed Swanson died of asphyxiation.

Police say Lueb and Hudgens also made purchases and withdrawals using Swanson's credit card soon after his death.

The case will move to Clackamas County, largely because evidence so far indicates he was killed where his body was found in the Mount Hood National Forest, within Clackamas County.

phone calls and found that his chat room contact with Way was not the first time he called women on adult telephone chat lines.

Swanson, a married man with two sons, met Way sometime after leaving an evening conference on Oct. 19 at his 12-year-old son's school in Portland. Police did not say where



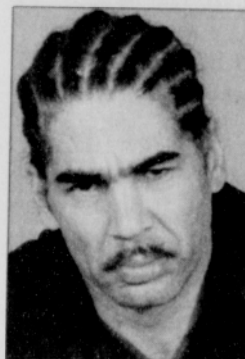
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Man Faces Arrest Warrants

The Portland Police Bureau and Crime Stoppers need your help finding Dennis Dewayne Elliott, 46, who is wanted for burglary and other warrants.

Elliott has lived in northeast Portland, but may be staying with friends anywhere around the city. Police said he also could be staying on the streets in the central part of the city.



Dennis Elliott

Detectives think he is likely to be unemployed and using mass transit or borrowed vehicles to get around.

He is described as a black male, about 5 feet 11 inches tall and 175 pounds. He has a scar on his chin, has been known to wear his hair in braids or corn rows and often wears a mustache. He generally goes by "Denny" and has many aliases.

Man Identified in House Robbery

On Feb. 7, Robin Lamont Thompson, 20, and another man are accused of robbing two people at a house in the 4600 block of Southeast Taylor Street.



Robin Lamont Thompson

The victims were pistol whipped and bound with duct tape inside the house. During the attack, a friend of the victims came to the front door. His knock was answered by one of the men who pulled him

into the house. The friend fought his way free but was shot in the hip as he exited the front door. Still, he was able to call police on his cell phone as the suspects fled.

Based on information provided by the victims, detectives were able to identify Thompson. He faces multiple counts of robbery, assault, kidnapping, burglary and other charges.

Thompson is about 5 feet 10 inches tall, 150 pounds, and has worn his hair in long braids. He has lived in northeast Portland, but his current address is unknown. Detectives think he may have moved to Las Vegas where he might be enrolled in community college. He should be considered armed and dangerous.

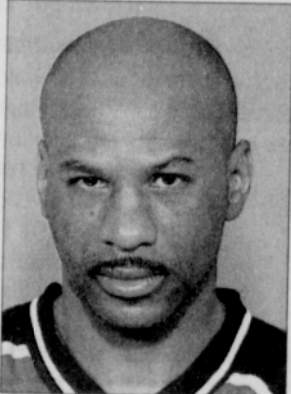
The second suspect is described as a black male between 18 and 25-years-old with a stocky build. He is about 5 feet 10 inches tall with short hair or even a shaved head.

Crime Stoppers is offering a cash reward of up to \$1,000 for information, reported to Crime Stoppers, that leads to an arrest in any unsolved felony crime, you need not give your name. Call Crime Stoppers at 503-823-HELP.

Serial Robber Arrested

Portland police from the Central Precinct arrested Nathan Keith McNair on one count of robbery last month, after he left the scene of an armed robbery in downtown Portland.

McNair is suspected of targeting small businesses while only one or two female employees were on duty. During the robberies, he either implied that he had a handgun or showed a large kitchen knife while demanding cash from the register, police said.



Nathan McNair

Bank Robbery Suspect Caught

Members of the FBI's Violent Crimes Task Force arrested James Goebel, 45, on bank robbery charges. Investigators suspect Goebel is responsible for as many as eight bank robberies in the Portland area between May 5 and Sept. 4. He currently faces one federal count of bank robbery for the robbery of U.S. Bank in Troutdale.

Goebel was arrested at his home in the area of Southeast 51 Avenue and Hawthorne.


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