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Police Launch Local Hiring Campaign

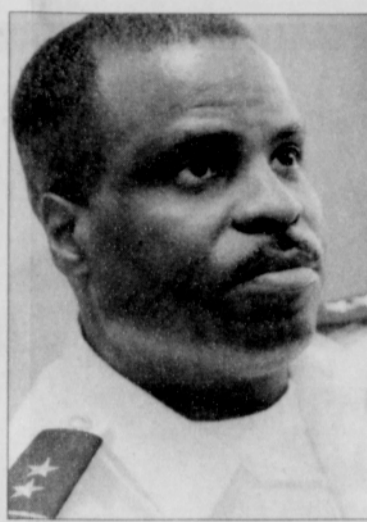
Diversity sought in new ranks

The Portland Police Bureau is taking to the streets of the Portland metro area not only to protect and to serve, but to hire 70 police officers.

"We're concentrating our efforts on diversity and hiring from the local area," Police Chief Derrick Foxworth said. "If you have ever wanted to become a police officer or wondered what it would be like, now is the opportunity to do something about it."

The theme for the local recruitment campaign is: "For every Portland police officer, there is a story. Join us and write the next chapter."

Twelve volunteer officers from various backgrounds, ethnicities and ranks will write their chapters of what it's like to be a Portland police officer and share them with the public through posters, brochures, fliers and advertisements.



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Portland metro area has to offer," Chief Foxworth said.

The Bureau's website at www.portlandpolice.com has been expanded to assist potential candidates in the testing process. The website includes qualification information; a guide to the written test; test dates; test-preparation workshop information and sign-up; details about the physical ability test; and how the

police officer selection process works.

Target audiences in this drive include police officers serving in other jurisdictions, college graduates, government employees, ex-military and those in the service or helping professions.

For more information about the next testing date or other information about police recruitment, call Officer Anderson at 503-823-0473.

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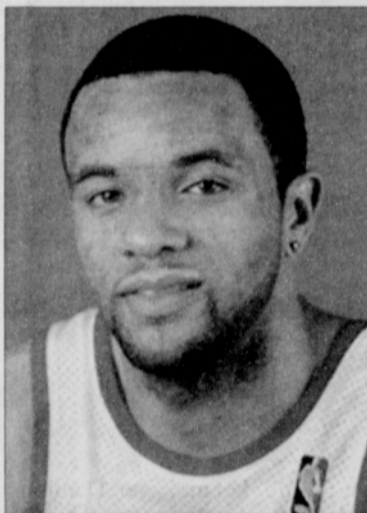
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Court Rules for Stoudamire

Lake Oswego house search against law

(AP) — A police search that turned up marijuana in Portland Trail Blazer guard Damon Stoudamire's former Lake Oswego house three years ago was illegal, a split Oregon Court of Appeals ruled Wednesday.

Because the decision was 5-5, it upholds a ruling by Clackamas County Circuit Judge John Lowe, who said the warrantless search violated Stoudamire's constitutional rights and that the seized drug couldn't be used as evidence. Stoudamire was charged with



Damon Stoudamire

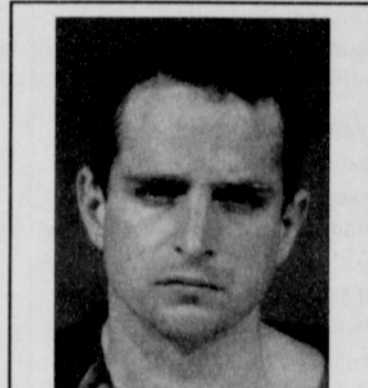
felony possession of more than 150 grams of marijuana after Lake Oswego police on Feb. 23, 2002, responded to reports of a burglar

alarm at Stoudamire's house.

The front door of the house was ajar when police arrived, and neighbors said they saw an unfamiliar car leave the house about 50 minutes before the alarm went off.

Stoudamire several hours earlier had gone to the Rose Garden to play in a game. Officers searched the house for intruders and said they found about a pound of marijuana in an attic storage area.

But Stephen Houze, Stoudamire's lawyer, said police lacked authority to search the house without a warrant. He claimed the alarm gave little cause to think a crime had been committed because 99 percent of burglar alarm reports in Lake Oswego around that time period had turned out to be false.



Troy Powell

Local Burglary Suspect Caught

A 36-year-old man was arrested March 16 on burglary warrants after police responded to a "burglary in progress" in the 7600 block of North Curtis Avenue.

A neighbor called police after watching a man walk into the back yard of a neighboring home and force entry to a window.

Troy Michael Powell was arrested inside the home. Detectives continued the investigation and recovered a substantial amount of suspected stolen property from his residence, primarily jewelry, small electronics and coin collections.

Detectives believe the property was stolen within the past thirty days from other homes inner north and northeast Portland. Investigators do not believe Powell stole any items that could not be carried in a backpack.

Spring Break Impacts Police

Portland police are enhancing patrol missions to provide a positive and safe environment for juveniles this week for Spring Break and improving neighborhood livability by minimizing juvenile-related crime.

The police bureau's five precincts, along with police divisions concentrating on schools, drugs

and vice, traffic and transit are participating in 17 curfew missions involving alcohol enforcement, transit and traffic.

Officers will concentrate on areas where juveniles congregate or where there have been on-going problems with speed racing, vandalism and property crime, police said. Many of the officers

have volunteered to adjust their shifts in an effort to minimize costs.

Several organizations including Portland's Parks and Recreation, Youth Gang Outreach, Police Activities League, and the Boys and Girls Clubs offer safe alternatives to kids during Spring Break.

Study Finds Segregation in Government Jobs

(AP)—Blacks and Hispanics have no trouble getting tapped to lead civil rights commissions, but the same can't be said when it comes to other top-ranking state government jobs nationwide, a new study shows.

"I don't know if I would call it tokenism as I would occupational segregation," said report author Judith Sidel, director of the Center for Women in Government & Civil

Society at the State University of New York at Albany.

Titled "Democracy Unrealized," the study notes the 2000 U.S. Census showed minorities made up 32 percent of the nation's population, but just 16 percent held key appointed policy positions in state governments in 2004.

"There's a number of possible reasons at play here," Sidel said. "We are in a post-affirmative action

period. In general, there's a climate less supportive of proactive efforts to identify people of color for various positions."

Michael King, an Atlanta resident and member of the national conservative black group Project 21, said the report, out last month, seemed like it was "engineered to justify an argument."

King disputed the suggestion that any advancement by minori-

ties has stopped. "When you look at the number of individuals across the nation both in elective and appointed office, the numbers are certainly increasing," he said.

The report looked only at states where minority groups totaled five percent or more of the population. Leadership jobs referred specifically to agency commissioner or gubernatorial adviser.

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