

# LAW & JUSTICE

## Taco Bell Robber Still On the Loose

A robbery suspect with a penchant for Taco Bell has been hitting up the fast food chain all over the Portland-metro area, and police need help finding him.

On April 1, a little after 9 a.m., the suspect robbed the Taco Bell at 1940 N.E. 122<sup>nd</sup>. He was armed with a handgun and demanded money from the employee at the counter.

Police believe the same armed suspect robbed the Jantzen Beach Taco Bell on April 22, at about 9:30 a.m.

Yet again, on May 11 at about 9:15 a.m. another Taco Bell was robbed at gunpoint. This time the incident occurred in Clackamas County at 16040 S.E. 82<sup>nd</sup> Dr.

In each robbery the suspect was

wearing a ski mask over his face. After the Clackamas robbery, however, the suspect was seen leaving the scene with the mask off. A witness who saw the suspect worked with a police artist who drew a sketch of the suspect.

The suspect is described as male, 6 feet to 6 feet 2 inches tall, and approximately 220 to 260 pounds. He had a thin mustache and a mole on one cheek. He may be of Pacific Island descent.

Crime Stoppers is offering a cash reward of up to \$1,000 for information that leads to an arrest in this case, or any unsolved felony. All calls may remain anonymous at 503-823-4357.



Police sketch of Taco Bell robbery suspect.

## Treatment Center Celebrates Community

Last week, LifeWorks Northwest invited members of the north and northeast Portland community to come together for a free barbecue, games and international booths outside its treatment center at 3719 N.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

The celebration was meant to bring together people in the community to learn about the mental, drug and alcohol health care Lifeworks Northwest offers. For more information on the programs, visit [www.lifeworksnw.org](http://www.lifeworksnw.org).

Community leader Ed Washington and President of Lifeworks Northwest Mary Monnat enjoy themselves during a recent festival.

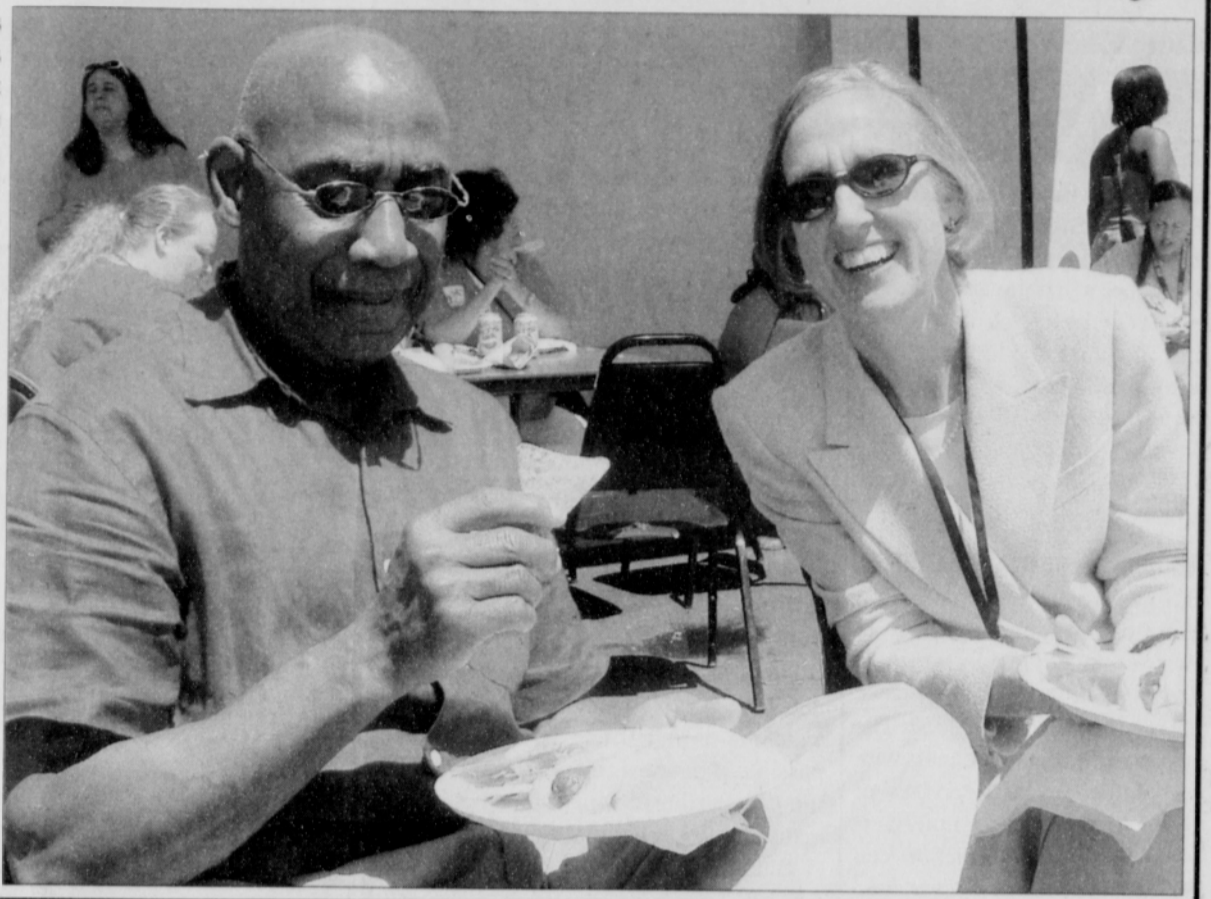


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## Eugene Police Accused of Racial Profiling

### Traffic stop leads to lawsuit of \$1 million

(AP) - A black man stopped by a police officer last September has filed a \$1 million lawsuit against the city of Eugene, claiming the color of his skin was the only reason for the stop.

The suit filed by Cortez Jordan, a 26-year-old city worker, also

names Lane County, Eugene police officer Wayne Dorman and county sheriff's Deputy Ryan Lane as defendants.

Jordan was stopped while leaving a nightclub with four white friends. The officers have said they stopped Jordan — and not the white friends — because they suspected he was concealing a weapon in his waistband. No weapon was found.

"I'm just asking them to do the right thing," Jordan said. "I'm sorry in this day and age that it's

come to this: that someone can't cross the street."

A Eugene Police Department internal investigation ruled that Jordan's claim of racial profiling was "not sustained" and that the decision to stop him was legally permissible.

The suit alleges that it is governmental practice "to make pretext stops without having reasonable suspicion that a crime has been committed" and "to approve officer stops on the basis

of racial profiling."

"We want to see the city get the message that business as usual is not appropriate," said Kevin Lafky, Jordan's lawyer.

Jordan's aunt, Marilyn Mays, cited the city's response to Jordan's complaint as one of the reasons she resigned in January as the city's diversity coordinator. She also stepped down as president of the local chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

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## Soldier's Mom Charged in Theft

### Woman caught removing cash from ATM

(AP) - An Oregon National Guardsman who recently returned from a long tour of duty in Iraq was met with a rude surprise - someone had withdrawn more than \$10,000 from his bank account without his knowledge.

Even worse: When police eventually arrested the suspect, it was his mother.

Now, Eugene resident Eleanor Alloway, 51, is facing charges of aggravated theft, identity theft, and

fraudulent use of a credit card. Her first court appearance is scheduled for June 23.

Bank surveillance images showed her repeatedly withdrawing money using her son's ATM card, according to Eugene police spokeswoman Kerry Delf.

Authorities think her son's ATM card and pin number came in the mail while he was in Iraq with the 162nd Battalion, which is headquartered in Cottage Grove, Delf said.

Alloway showed little remorse when questioned by police, Jordan said.

"She was not emotional at all,"

Jordan said. "(There was no) 'I am so sorry I did this, I know it was wrong.' She was very stoic."

Alloway told police that she used the money for video poker, electronic entertainment devices, medical expenses and daily living expenses. She is not being held at the Lane County Jail because of space and financial constraints; instead, she was cited and released, police said.

The 162nd returned in April from Iraq, where they were stationed near Baghdad, going door-to-door to search out insurgents and patrolling for roadside bombs, Fristad said.

Jordan said the bank, Northwest Community Credit Union in Eugene, was able to reimburse the soldier's money.

## Plaid Pantry Robber Wanted

Police are asking for the public's help in finding an armed robber who walked into the Plaid Pantry store on 7210 S.E. Milwaukie Ave. on May 17 at 5:45 a.m. and demanded money.

After the clerk realized the suspect was serious, the suspect was given an undisclosed amount of money.

The employees were then directed to the back of the store, where there were closed in a cooler by the suspect. Police were called but the suspect had already fled the scene.

The suspect is described as a white male, six feet tall or taller, with a thin to medium build. He was possibly in his early '20s. He was wearing a yellow hooded sweatshirt over his head with the drawstring pulled tight. The victims said the suspect was wearing latex gloves.

Crime Stoppers is offering a cash reward of up to \$1,000 for information that leads to an arrest in this case, or any unsolved felony. All calls remain anonymous at 503-823-4357.

## New Portland Police Monitor Hired

The Portland Police will have a new person keeping them in check soon.

Portland City Auditor Gary Blackmer announced the hiring of Leslie Stevens as the new Director of Independent Police Review.

"She's smart, hard-working, and an excellent communicator. She is the best fit for this position, and can strengthen the connections between the community and the Police Bureau," Blackmer said.

Stevens has been an assistant city attorney in Salem the past eight years, and previously worked for a law firm conducting civil litigation. She graduated from Lewis and Clark's Northwestern School of Law, and received her undergraduate degree in Organizational Communication, with a minor in business, from California State University, Chico.

A national search was conducted to fill the position, and finalists

were interviewed by five different panels, including members of the public.

Stevens starts in her position on July 18.

The Independent Police Review Division oversees the investigation and resolution of citizen complaints against police officers and makes recommendations relating to Police Bureau policy and training. For information visit [www.portlandonline.com/auditor/ipr](http://www.portlandonline.com/auditor/ipr).

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