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Civil Rights Pioneer Remembered

Jones was one student Wallace blocked at door

(AP) — Vivian Malone Jones, one of two black students whose effort to enroll at the University of Alabama led to George Wallace's infamous "stand in the schoolhouse door" in 1963, died Thursday. She was 63.

Jones, who went on to become the first black to graduate from the school, died at Atlanta Medical Center after suffering a stroke.

A retired federal worker who lived in Atlanta, she grew up in Mobile, Ala. She had enrolled at historically black Alabama A&M University in Huntsville when she transferred to the University of Alabama in 1963. The move led to then-Gov. Wallace's infamous stand in defiance of orders to admit black students. Jones and James Hood, accompanied by then-Deputy U.S. Attorney General Nicholas Katzenbach, enrolled after Wallace



Vivian Malone Jones

finished his statement and left.

At an appearance last year in Mobile, she recalled meeting with Wallace in 1996, when the former governor was in frail health. He died in 1998.

"I asked him why did he do it," she said. "He said he did what he felt needed to be done at that point in time, but he would not do that today. At that point, we spoke - I spoke - of forgiveness."

She recalled that she and Hood waited in a car until Wallace read his proclamation. Finally, when he stepped aside, she said, that allowed them to enter the university.

"I was never afraid. I did have some apprehensions in my mind, though, especially having gone to segregated, 'separate, but equal' schools," she said.

Jones said her religious beliefs gave her confidence to persist, and she graduated in 1965.

"God was with me," she said.

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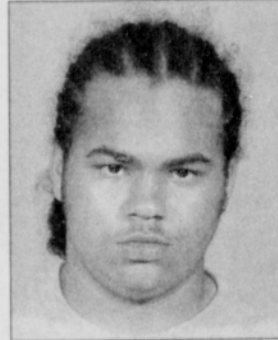
A north Portland neighborhood erupted in gunfire when a police pursuit on foot led to the exchange

of some 40 rounds of firepower.

Authorities said Marchelow Vaida, 18, was seriously injured when he was shot by Portland police officers around 11 p.m. Oct. 12.

Two veteran gang enforcement officers said they attempted to contact

Vaida near the intersection of North Fremont Street and North Vancouver Avenue. He fled and a short time later, fired several shots at the pursuing officers, police said. Officers returned fire and struck



Marchelow Vaida

Vaida several times.

Homicide detectives believe that approximately 40 rounds were exchanged, with officers firing the majority of rounds. Detectives also believe the officers unsuccessfully deployed a Taser prior to the shooting.

After Vaida was shot, police said evidence indicates that he was conscious, alert, and talking on his cell phone while he was lying on the ground with his loaded handgun nearby.

Police said because Vaida refused to obey numerous commands, officers deployed at least two less lethal beanbag rounds. The Bureau's Special Emergency Reaction Team was activated to arrest him, and SERT medics provided the initial medical assistance.

Initial information indicated that there might have been a second suspect involved in either the shooting or foot pursuit, but detectives now believe Vaida was the sole suspect involved.

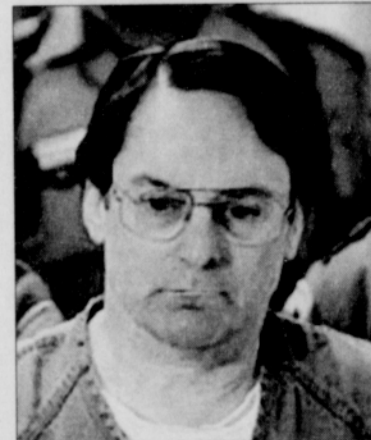
Anyone with information about this incident is asked to call Detective Bryan Steed at 503-823-0395 or Detective Lynn Courtney at 503-823-0451.

Youth Officer Gets Life Sentence

Michael Lee Boyles, a juvenile probation officer convicted of sexually abusing five boys under his supervision, was sentenced Oct. 13 to life in prison.

Boyles, 50, worked 11 years for the Oregon Youth Authority. He also faces lawsuits in civil court that also makes claims against the state of Oregon.

During Boyles' four-week trial this summer, prosecutors introduced evidence showing that OYA officials heard complaints about Boyles' behavior from parents and



Michael Lee Boyles

other caregivers as early as 1995, but took no action to remove him from his job.

Police said that under Boyles' supervision, the children were frequently placed in the foster home of a Boyles acquaintance, so that they would be available for sexual abuse.

During sentencing, one of his victims looked directly at him and said: "I will forgive you. But I will never forget, and knowing you are in prison makes me a very happy person."

Local Man Accused of Fraud

Charged with stealing Katrina cash

An indictment by a federal grand jury charges a Portland man with mail fraud in the receipt of \$2,000 in disaster relief monies designated to survivors of hurricane Katrina. Harold Allen Miller Jr., 41, is ac-

cused of making false statements in order to qualify for \$2,000 in disaster relief payments by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

In order to qualify, a person must have suffered damage to property as a result of the hurricane. Applicants are required to identify the specific property which suffered such damage.

The indictment alleges that Miller falsely represented that he suffered such damage to a property

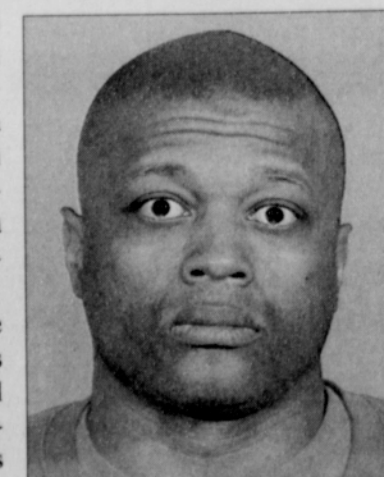
located in Baton Rouge, La. As a result, a FEMA check for \$2,000 was mailed from a government office in Texas to a post office box controlled by Miller in Portland. Investigators are gathering evidence relating to numerous other checks sent to Portland which may also be based on fraud.

A criminal indictment is only an allegation and not evidence of guilt. If convicted, Miller could face up to 20 years in prison and a fine.

Rape Suspect Found Guilty

44-year-old Kevin Romond Walls, the suspect in a March 10 sexual assault on Mt. Tabor, was convicted Friday by a Multnomah County jury on eight measure 11 felonies including, rape, sodomy, using a weapon in a crime and kidnapping.

Police said in addition to the Mt Tabor sexual assault, Walls was connected to other sexual assaults by DNA and is believed to be a serial rapist. He is scheduled for sentencing next month.



Kevin Romond Walls

Case Before Judge Joe Brown

A case involving two Portland area residents will be featured on the Thursday, Oct. 27 episode of "Judge Joe Brown."

A woman from Milwaukie will stand before the judge to claim that her ex-boyfriend ran up her credit card within months after they starting dating, which included credit bills for teen porn.

Viewers can watch the nonsense, no-holds-barred judge lay down the law during the upcoming episode at 1:30 p.m. on KWBP channel 32 or cable channel 3.

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