

LAW & JUSTICE

Teen Arrested in Benson Shooting Charged with attempted murder

A team of tactical police units executed search warrants at two northeast Portland homes Friday morning, arresting 17-year-old Dennis Ray Wilson in connection with last month's shooting near Benson High School.

The pre-dawn raids occurred at 1905 N.E. Junior St. and 634 N.E. Church St. Wilson was charged with attempted murder, assault and unlawful use of a weapon.

Detectives believe the Jan. 24 shooting was gang related. Two women leaving a basketball game at the school, driv-

ing northbound on Northeast 12th Avenue, were not the intended targets, police said.

Driver 23-year-old Ebony Woods and passenger 22-year-old Allison Prasad sustained minor injuries from shattered glass.

Investigators believe Wilson was shooting at a vehicle near the school, but instead hit the victims' automobile.

The investigation is continuing, and anyone with information is asked to call Detective Mitch Hergert at the Gang Enforcement Team 503-823-4106.

Abortion Again Before Court

Bush justices may change outcome

(AP)—The Supreme Court said Tuesday it will consider the constitutionality of banning a type of late-term abortion, teeing up a contentious issue for a newly-constituted court already in a state of flux over privacy rights.

The Bush administration has pressed the high court to reinstate the federal law, passed in 2003 but never put in effect because it was struck down by judges in California, Nebraska and New York.

The outcome will likely rest with the two men that President Bush

has recently installed on the court, John Roberts and Samuel Alito. Justices had been split 5-4 in 2000 in striking down a state law, barring what critics call partial birth abortion because it lacked an exception to protect the health of the mother.

But Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, who was the tie-breaking vote, retired late last month.

Alito, in his rulings on the 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Philadelphia, has been more willing than O'Connor, the first woman justice, to allow restric-



Samuel Alito



John Roberts

out in the second or third trimester, in which a fetus is partially removed from the womb, and the skull is punctured or crushed.

Justices on a 9-0 vote vote in a New Hampshire case reaffirmed in January that states can require parental involvement in abortion decisions and that state restrictions must have an exception to protect

the mother's health.

The federal law in the current case has no health exception, but defenders maintain that the procedure is never medically necessary to protect a woman's health.

tions on abortions, which were legalized in the Roe v. Wade decision in 1973.

The federal Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act prohibits a certain type of abortion, generally carried

out the decision.

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Court Renews Discrimination Case

Firm can be sued over 'boys' remark

(AP) — The Supreme Court stepped into a dispute Tuesday over whether white managers can be sued for calling black employees "boys."

The court unanimously overturned an appeals court decision that said the term "boy" alone was

not evidence of workplace discrimination.

The decision, one of the first actions with new Justice Samuel Alito, is a loss for Tyson Foods Inc. which was sued by two longtime black employees who claimed they were passed over for promotions by a white manager who called them "boys."

A jury awarded Anthony Ash and John Hithon \$1.75 million apiece in damages, but a judge threw

out the decision.

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Eric Schnapper, a law professor at the University of Washington who is representing the men, told justices that the term "boy" is offensive and is considered a slur by other courts.

"This form of verbal abuse has its origins in the slave era," he wrote in the appeal.

The case returns to the 11th U.S. Circuit Court in Atlanta.

The lawyers for Tyson Foods said that evidence showed the manager "was rude and curt to all employees — white and black — but had never used racial epithets."

Ash and Hithon were among six people who sued under a 1964 civil rights law

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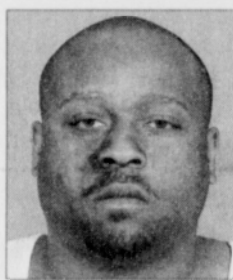
Police Break Sexual Assault Case

Elijah Mikell Craig, 24, was arrested and charged with kidnapping, rape, sodomy and sexual abuse Friday in the attack on a woman last month in the 8100 block of Southeast Center Street.

The U.S. Marshal's Fugitive Task Force, teamed with detectives from the Portland Police Bureau Sexual Assault Detail, carried out

the arrest.

Authorities charged Craig with forcing the female victim to a secluded area and sexually assaulting her. The victim began screaming for help during the assault, prompting a



Elijah Craig

family member to come outside to help her. Investigators believe Craig fired one round from a semi-automatic pistol at the family member but missed.

Craig was identified as a suspect after laboratory evidence was

analyzed.

Chief Derrick Foxworth expressed gratitude to the U.S. Marshal's Service, the Oregon State Police Crime Lab and the detectives from the Portland Police Bureau Sexual Assault Detail, calling these types of partnerships "instrumental in solving neighborhood crime."

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One of the many car windows broken by vandals Monday night.

Vandals Smash Windows

Portland police are looking for information leading to an arrest for the persons or persons responsible for a wide swath of vandalism Monday night in northeast Portland.

About 7:30 p.m., several windows were broken out of cars in the vicinity of Wygant Street between 11th and 18th Avenues.

Anyone with information in the case is urged to call Officer Chapin at the Northeast Precinct at 503-823-5700.

Campus Killer Begins Term



Deniz Aydinler (KGW photo)

A Turkish man who sexually assaulted and strangled a University of Portland student in north Portland five years ago has begun a life sentence in prison, with the possibility of parole after 37 years.

Deniz Aydinler, 30, was sentenced Feb. 10 in the death of Kate Johnson, 21, of Vancouver. Her body was found May 29, 2001, in her locked second-story dormitory room.

Police said Aydinler lived near the campus and knew Johnson. They linked him to the crime through DNA evidence.

Aydinler was arrested in 2004 after he returned from Turkey on a temporary visa that local police and prosecutors arranged with federal Homeland Security officials to get for him. Turkey prohibits extradition of its citizens for crimes committed in foreign countries.

Tailgating No.1 Driver Error

Behavior risky, costly and deadly

Tailgating is a risky, costly and sometimes deadly driver behavior that is Oregon's number one error in automobile crashes, according to the Oregon Department of Transportation's Safety Division.

"Drivers are tailgating so much today that it has become the leading factor in crashes," said an

ODOT spokesperson.

Tailgating is a factor in nearly one-third of all Oregon vehicle collisions, not just fatal crashes, where speed, alcohol and failure to use passenger restraints play a more deadly role.

"Thousands of drivers who think they're saving time are actually losing money in the cost of collisions and in terms of injuries and sometimes fatalities," said Steve Vitolo, the Transportation Safety Division's traffic law enforcement

program manager. "Often, you can add to those costs possible fines and increases in automobile insurance rates."

In 2004, 13,000 crashes out of 41,000 total across the state were the result of rear-end collisions caused by drivers who were following too closely.

"Drivers throughout the state are inclined to press speed limits and follow too closely in what seems like a race to get to their destination," Vitolo said.

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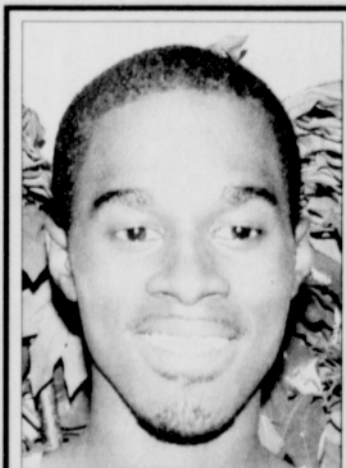
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