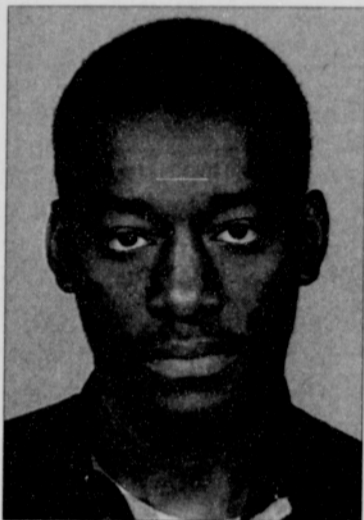


# Girlfriend Becomes Victim in Triple Murder

## Sen. Carter's adopted granddaughter killed

Portland teen Marissa Manwarren, the adopted granddaughter of Sen. Margaret Carter, a longtime local African American leader, was found dead of a gunshot wound, her body left near Beverly Beach State Park in Newport.

It appears that Manwarren, 17, knew Shawn Ryan Womack, 21 and was the boyfriend of Cevalino Capuia, 19, two men arrested last week and charged with aggravated murder for two robberies and two deaths in outer northeast Portland last month.

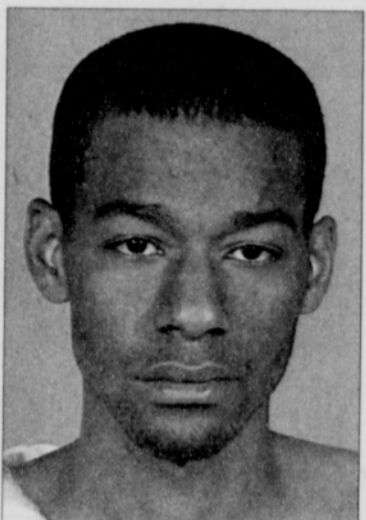


Cevalino Capuia

Manwarren, who specialized frequently on MySpace, a public profile message board. The night before Capuia was arrested, Manwarren posted a message on Capuia's website. The Oregonian newspaper reported.

"I'm lucky to have a person like you in my life, but you just need to think about your actions," she wrote. "Because sometimes your actions can cause you to get in bigggg trouble, if you know what I mean."

Capuia and Womack were



Shawn Womack

Lt. Ed Brumfield of the Portland homicide unit would not say if investigators suspect Womack killed Manwarren in a third murder, only that Capuia likely was in custody at the time of her death.

Manwarren had lived in foster homes for years before becoming a surrogate granddaughter to Carter who said she had not seen the teenager for three weeks prior to her murder and that no missing person report was made.

"I'm very saddened by this whole situation," Carter said. "They (Manwarren and Capuia) were doing pretty good."

An Internet website shows that Capuia and Manwarren so-

arrested about two weeks after police launched a statewide hunt for the vehicles of the slain victims. Both were killed in or around an adult business and their cars, late model Hondas, were taken, police said.

Chai Taphom was found shot multiple times May 13, police said. On May 28, Michael Burchett was gunned down.

Acting police Chief Rosie Sizer said the suspects were linked to both killings by ballistic evidence.

Womack's girlfriend, Jasmin Cooke Lesniak, 22, was also charged with hindering prosecution and unlawful use of a motor vehicle.

On his MySpace account,



Marissa Manwarren

Capuia portrayed himself as someone searching for "God-seeking people." He quotes repeatedly from the New Testament, saying, "To God be the glory." He wrote that teaching the Bible "Before you leave Earth!" is the responsibility of everyone.

Carter, in an interview with KGW-TV, said Manwarren

was a "young woman who was having a hard time, but she was trying to get it together."

She said the allegations against Capuia come as "shocking news to us."

Womack and Lesniak were part-time students at Linn-Benton Community College.

College spokeswoman Marlene Propst told the

(Corvallis) Gazette-Times that both were involved in the college's Student Life and Leadership office.

"Jasmin was on the programming board," she said. "Shawn was a student ambassador. He helped plan activities and give tours on campus."

Associated Press contributed to this story.

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Edwards, a 2004 candidate for Vice President of the United States, former U. S. Senator from North Carolina and current Director of the Center on Poverty, Work and Opportunity at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, will serve as keynote speaker at the 21<sup>st</sup> annual legislative conference breakfast.

The breakfast ushers in the three-day event, open to the public and featuring speakers and workshops surrounding the topics of emergency preparedness, health, education, transportation, energy and economic development.

Tickets to the breakfast fea-



John Edwards

turing Edwards are \$25. Admission is included in the full conference package. A downloadable registration form is available at [www.nobelpdx.org](http://www.nobelpdx.org).

Additional event information is available on the conference hotline at 503-986-1655.

## Explorando el Columbia Slough

The nature and history of the Columbia Slough Watershed will be celebrated during the fifth annual Explorando El Columbia Slough on Saturday June 24, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Whitaker Ponds Environmental Learning Center at 7040 N.E. 47<sup>th</sup> Ave.

Explorando is tailored to the Hispanic community, with events and activities being offered in both Spanish and English.

Highlights will include canoe trips, music, bird watching, environmental games and displays, folkloric dancing, refreshments and more. Guests will also receive a recreation guide to the Columbia Slough, which features outdoor locales for bicycle riding, walking, paddling, and picnicking within the Slough watershed.

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