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## Lottery Thieves Caught on Tape

The Portland Police Bureau, in cooperation with Crime Stoppers, is asking for your help in identifying two lottery machine thieves caught on tape.

Beginning March 9 and continuing through March 21, two men have been breaking into lottery machines during business hours. They walk into restaurants and/or bars, sit down at the lottery machines, take out a crowbar or some sort of prying tool, pry the machine open and take the cash.

Customers have been sitting right next to the suspects unaware of the crime being committed. The men take less than two minutes to pry the machine open and have taken thousands of dollars during their quick, undetected crime spree.

Suspect number one is described as a white male in his 30s, 5'9" tall, 220 pounds, with brown



hair, wearing long shorts and tennis shoes with a reflective strip down the top of the shoes. Suspect number two is described as a white male, 20 to 30 years of age, 5'9" and 200 pounds. The suspects may be associated with a white 1992 Suzuki Samurai with a possible Washington license plate of 788PHG.

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

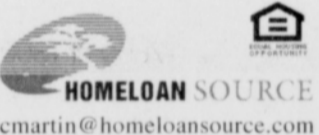
Police say this security video shows two men who broke into lottery machines during business hours at the Wooden Chicken on Northeast Sandy Boulevard.

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## Emmett Till's Family Gets Autopsy Report

Cousin: 'We just wanted the truth.'

(AP) -- More than half a century after 14-year-old Emmett Till was brutally murdered in Mississippi for whistling at a white woman, his family sat down with federal investigators to discuss the final autopsy on the boy's exhumed body and to hear about the investigation.

The report released Thursday found that Till died of a gunshot wound to the head and that he had broken wrist bones and skull and leg fractures. When his body was pulled from the Tallahatchie River in the summer of 1955, the report said, "the crown of his head was just crushed out ... and a piece of his skull just fell out."

The report also set out a timeline constructed from witness state-



Emmett Till

ments, and it said a third man had given a deathbed confession.

Roy Bryant, the white woman's husband, and his half-brother J.W. Milam were charged in Till's death shortly after the killing but were

acquitted by an all-white jury. Both men, now deceased, later confessed in a 1956 interview with Look magazine.

According to the new report, Leslie Milam, a relative of the two men, also confessed before he died.

"We just wanted the truth," said Ollie Gordon, Till's cousin and one of half a dozen family member who reviewed the report with federal investigators. "Just knowing the truth has been comforting to the family."

The FBI reopened the Till case in 2004 and exhumed the boy's body in 2005, but it decided last year not to press charges. The case was turned over to local prosecutors, with the FBI suggesting a closer look at Bryant's wife, Carolyn Bryant Donham, now 73.

essentially closing the book on the case.

Till's cousin, Simeon Wright, was with the teenager the night he was kidnapped from an uncle's home in Money, Miss., and he had pressed for a further investigation.

"From what I saw, I think they had enough evidence to indict," Wright said Thursday. "Every last person up to now has gotten away with murder."

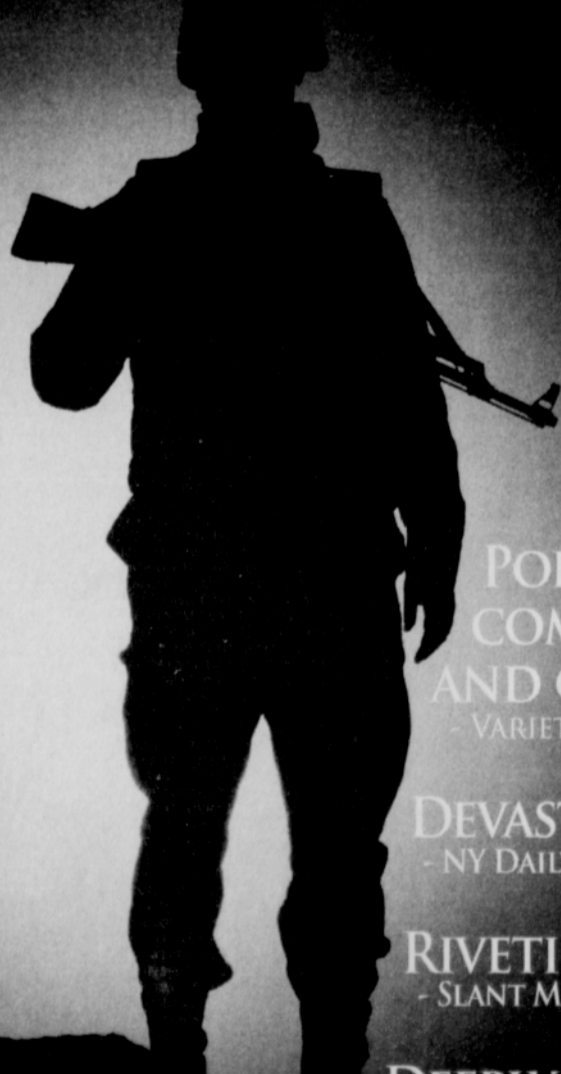
In 1955, nearly 100,000 people had filed past Till's open casket during a four-day public viewing in the boy's hometown of Chicago. A graphic photo of his face appeared in Jet magazine, and that image stoked national outrage and fueled the civil rights movement.

Till's mother, who had wanted her son's casket open to expose the brutality of racism to the world, died in 2003. She was buried next to him.

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Surveillance video shows a man (center), believed to be 6-feet tall and in his 20s, who is a suspect in a multiple stabbing that occurred this past August at Exotica nightclub on Northeast Columbia Blvd.



## Reward Offered For Assault Suspect

From Exotica Nightclub attack

A summer assault at the northeast Portland nightclub Exotica left three security personnel injured and a suspect at large.

On Aug. 12 a man described to be in his twenties, 6-feet tall with

medium build, black hair and a possible mustache entered Exotica, 240 N.E. Columbia Blvd. The club's surveillance video caught the suspect around 2:18 a.m. approaching the three victims from behind.

The employees were attempting to break up an unrelated fight when the suspect stabbed them

in the back and side of the abdomen. He was then recorded grabbing a female and leaving the club.

The Portland Police Bureau and Crime Stoppers offer a cash reward of up to \$1,000 for information that leads to an arrest in this case. Call anonymously at 503-823-HELP (4357).

## Precincts Stay Open Until Midnight

New desk clerks added

You may notice your Police Precinct open later these days. That's because four of the five Portland Police Bureau precincts are now open until midnight, Monday through Friday. Central Precinct remains open 24 hours-a-day, 7 days-a-week.

Precincts were forced to close at 5 p.m. in 2001 because of budget cuts, except for Central Precinct, which remained open 24/7.

Mayor Potter has been committed to keeping the precincts open later, and City Council approved funding for eight desk clerks to allow for the expanded hours.



East Precinct Police Desk Clerks Keith Moore and Shonakee Fitzpatrick.

"Keeping the precincts open later is a big step in the right direction. The precincts are located in the communities in which we serve, so it makes sense that we are open and accessible as much as possible," said East Precinct Commander Michael Crebs. "I hope some day in the near future

we can be open 24 hours-a-day, 365 days-a-year," said Crebs.

In February, 10 new desk clerks were hired. Eight were the additional positions authorized by Council, and two filled current vacancies. Each precinct received two new police desk clerks.