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Justice Panel Documents Prison Disparities

From disproportionately high black arrests

States are imprisoned at more 13 times the rate of whites. than five times the rate of whites,

Project, a Washington-based the greatest black-to-white disparity in incarceration. Iowa had the widest disparity in the nation,

(AP) -- Blacks in the United imprisoning blacks at more than

Such figures "reflect a failure and Hispanics are locked up at of social and economic intervennearly double the white rate, ac- tions to address crime effeccording to a new study released tively," as well as racial bias in the by a criminal justice policy group. justice system, said Marc Mauer, The report by the Sentencing the group's executive director.

Vermont, New Jersey, Conthink tank, found that states in necticut and Wisconsin incarthe Midwest and Northeast have cerated blacks at more than 10 times the rate of whites, the group said, citing Justice Department statistics from 2005. Vermont



had a ratio of 12.5, followed by New Jersey with 12.4 and Con- tionately high black arrest rates necticut with 12.

States with the lowest blackto-white ratio were Hawaii, with educational achievement. 1.9, Georgia with 3.3 and Mississippi with 3.5.

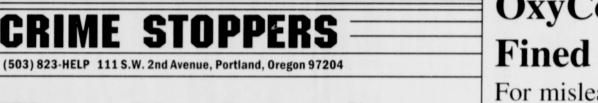
ates 309 whites and 4,200 blacks, population. the study said.

interpretation.

He said the state's disproporare likely linked to high poverty rates among blacks and lower

In 2001, a governor's task force released a report that said In Iowa, blacks are impris- 24 percent of Iowa prison beds oned at a rate more than double were occupied by black inmates the national average. For every even though blacks comprised 100,000 people, Iowa incarcer- just over 2 percent of the state's

The group that compiled the Paul Stageberg, administrator report made several recommenof the Iowa Division of Criminal dations such as reviewing fedand Juvenile Justice Planning, eral drug laws and giving judges said the results are not surpris- more discretion to decide sening, but the causes are subject to tences rather than imposing mandatory minimum prison terms.



Robber Hits Three Northeast Stores

Gets away with cash on third try

identifying a robbery suspect caught on tape.

On Saturday, July 7 at 6:11 p.m., a man walked into the Hollywood Liquor store at 3738 N.E. Sandy Blvd. and grabbed a bottle of liquor, walked to the checkout counter and demanded money from the cashier.

The employee asked the suspect if he had a weapon and the suspect said he did not. The employee grabbed the liquor from the suspect and told him to leave. The man complied. A few minutes later, at 6:22 p.m., the same suspect walked into the Beaumont Liquor store

in cooperation with Crime

The Portland Police Bureau, the clerk and then left.

Stoppers, is asking for the later, and as she talked on her

woman who used a gun to rob counter, raised her shirt and

The Portland Police Bureau, stating he had a gun and dein cooperation with Crime Stop- manded money from the cashier.

employee gave chase, tackling the suspect at Northeast 34th approximately 8:30 p.m., a man Avenue and Killingsworth. The brandishing a knife robbed the pers, is asking for your help The suspect fled out the door employee recovered the money, cashier at the espresso bar at

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with the money, but a second but the suspect got away.

A couple of hours later, at Nordstrom Lloyd Center. The suspect took money and fled the area.

Surveillance video captured two of the robberies on tape and investigators believe that the same person committed all three robberies. It appears he shaved his beard before arriving at Nordstrom's.

The suspect is described as a white male, 30-40 years of age, 5'8-5'9" tall, stocky build, balding with short red hair, a full beard and mustache, possibly clean shaven now. He was wearing a straw hat, a blue T-shirt and tan cargo shorts and was carrying a tan or grey backpack.

Crime Stoppers is offering

OxyContin Makers Fined \$634 Million

For misleading public about addiction risks

(AP) -- Purdue Pharma, the maker ecutives have been ordered to pay a \$634.5 million fine for misleading the public about the painkiller's risk of addiction.

U.S. District Judge James Jones levied the fine Friday after a hearing that included statements by numerous people who said their lives to OxyContin, a trade name for a long-acting form of the painkiller oxycodone.

Designed to be swallowed whole and digested over 12 hours, the on those three. pills can produce a heroin-like high snorted or injected.

scriptions increased nearly 20-fold, according to a report by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration. In 2002, the DEA said the drug caused 146 deaths and contributed to another 318.

Purdue Pharma, its top lawyer of OxyContin, and three of its ex- and former president and former chief medical officer pleaded guilty in May to claiming to doctors that OxyContin was less addictive and less subject to abuse than other pain medications.

Michael Friedman, who retired in June as Purdue's president, general counsel Howard Udell were changed forever by addiction and former chief medical officer Paul Goldenheim each pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor count of misbranding the drug. Of the total fine, \$34.5 million was levied

Jones placed the company on if crushed and then swallowed, probation for five years and each of the executives on probation for From 1996 to 2001, the number of three years. He also ordered the

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Woman Wanted in Portland Store Hold-Up

public's help in identifying a cell phone, she walked to the black female, approximately 20 and dangerous.

at 3334 N.E. Killingsworth St. Surveillance video shows a robbery suspect caught on tape.

oxycodone-related deaths nation- three to perform 400 hours of comwide increased fivefold while the munity service related to prevenannual number of OxyContin pre- tion of prescription drug abuse.

Thieves Hit Wealthy Neighborhoods

(AP) -- A team of burglars has lifted more than \$7 million in jew- the homes of celebrities, sports elry, rare books and cash from doz- stars and corporate tycoons, plus ens of homes in some of Los Ange- non-celebrity mansions in les' wealthiest neighborhoods, slip- Brentwood, Beverly Hills and the ping in and out without tripping "Platinum Triangle" of Bel-Air, elaborate alarms or leaving so much Encino and Holmby Hills, Lt. Ray as a fingerprint behind, authorities Lombardo said Thursday.

or "The Italian Job," authorities tives to follow. say the thieves appear to be a crew of professionals.

Over the past year, they have hit

And until recently, they've man-Like aplot from "Ocean's Eleven" aged to leave few clues for detec-

> One hit at an Encino estate, however, was caught on video.



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with a black SUV that was seen sociated with the skater cloth-

The suspect is described as a should be considered armed

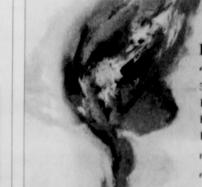
She returned a short time in the area prior to the robbery. ing brand FAMOUS. She

years old, 5'5" tall with a stocky

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