

## Slain Student Remembered

A north Portland church was packed with more than 300 people Monday for the funeral of Borissshell Washington, the 18-year-old Jefferson High School senior who was gunned down May 31 at a southeast Portland park.

Family, friends, students, teachers, clergy and city officials attended the services at Emmanuel Temple, grieving the loss of another victim of suspected gang violence.

Bishop C.T. Wells lamented that he was presiding over the fourth eulogy for a young person killed in senseless violence over the past five months.

On behalf of the mayor and the City Council, Police Commissioner

Dan Saltzman expressed his condolences and promised that Washington's killer will be arrested.

Last week, police arrested an 18-year-old man in Washington's death, but then dismissed the charges against Todd Rutherford, admitting they had the wrong man.

On Sunday, Washington's mother walked the stage at Memorial Coliseum to pick up her daughter's diploma for what was supposed to be her graduation ceremony.

When the teenager's name was read, the crowd erupted in cheers. Her mother and siblings received a standing ovation as they accepted the young woman's diploma in her honor.



Borissshell Washington

## Baby Cut from Pregnant Woman

### Victim met suspect via Craigslist

(AP) -- A pregnant 21-year-old who was found dead in a crawl space of a Beaverton home had been cut open and her baby taken from her womb, investigators said Monday. It couldn't be determined if the infant son of Heather Snively died before or after he was removed, the Washington County sheriff's department said.

A 27-year-old Beaverton woman, Korena Roberts, was arraigned Monday on a murder charge in Snively's death.

Investigators have said Roberts claimed Snively's infant was her own. Police were called to the home Friday because a newborn wasn't breathing. Doctors were unable to revive him and told officers that Roberts had not



Korena Roberts arraigned for murder



Heather Snively was killed in attack.

nant. They said Roberts may have been in contact with other pregnant women.

Snively had recently moved to Oregon from Maryland because her boyfriend and father of the child had found a better job. He reported Snively missing Friday night.

Snively's mother, Heidi Kidd of St. Albans, W.Va., said Snively met

Roberts a few weeks ago through Craigslist, the online classified service. Roberts told Snively she was pregnant and wanted baby clothes, Kidd said. They befriended one another and kept talking online.

Kidd said her first grandson was to be named John Steven.

"I'm still in shock; it hasn't hit me," she said. "I mean, that initial phone call; I just couldn't believe it. I just could not believe I was talking about my own child."

Roberts then found Snively's body at Roberts' home. A medical examiner said Monday that Snively died of blunt and sharp force injuries.

"At this time, it has not been determined if she died because of head wounds she received or as a result of cutting injuries she received to her abdomen," the sheriff's office said.

Investigators said Roberts had been telling friends and family members for months that she was preg-

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## Teen Murder Case Resolved

### Killer admits guilt during trial

(AP) -- A Portland teenager on trial last week for the fatal shooting of a Benson High School freshman decided to plead guilty after the first witness identified him as the killer.

Joseph E. Allen, 18, was sentenced to 18 years in prison.

Allen was a 16-year-old gang member when he shot Davonte Lightfoot in the back of the head on a Sunday afternoon in January 2007 in front of a community center on North Killingsworth Street.

Lightfoot wasn't in a gang, but his group of friends may have had a run-in with Allen's friends in the past, Prosecutor

Charles Sparks said.

Allen apologized to Lightfoot's mother, who was at her son's side when he was declared dead at a Portland hospital five hours after the shooting.

"It's just one of those sad cases—a 16-year-old shooting a 14-year-old. ... They're just kids," retired Portland police Detective Lynn Courtney, who investigated the crime.

Lightfoot, who was 5 feet tall, had excelled as a youngster, even skipping a grade in elementary school. He started hanging with the wrong crowd, however, and had been on proba-

tion since June 2005 after admitting to possessing a gun.

The following year he told a juvenile counselor that he armed himself because he feared for his life.

His mother, Tammorra Barnes, claims in a lawsuit against Multnomah County that Lightfoot went outside the range of his electronic monitoring anklet on Dec. 21, 2006, and that she repeatedly told the county that her son was breaking the rules and she wanted him detained. A prosecutor unsuccessfully tried to get a judge to lock him up, in part for his own safety. A few weeks later, the boy was dead.

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## Ask Deanna!

Real People, Real Advice

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face? --Anonymous; Los Angeles

**Dear Anonymous:** You need your sister and all of this madness just like you need a hole in the head. However, your sister is someone you grew up with and you knew most things about her before she moved in. This decision is quick and to the point. If it's your house, your rules and your money, then she needs to shape up or ship out. If you have some joint agreements, then you need to change some locks, make new rules and try again before sending her packing.

**Dear Deanna!** I am fresh out of a long term relationship and I really enjoy my single life and freedom. My girlfriends all envy me and now their boyfriends are accusing them of cheating and looking for men when they hang out with me. I am not going to water down my lifestyle right now and my friends are saying a hard time with this. They say that I am acting loose and as if I don't have any morals. I think they're tied down to balls and chains and are jealous. Am I wrong? --Happy and Free; Online Reader

**Dear Deanna!** I'm the babysitter for my neighbor and the kid's father is starting to make hints that he wants a relationship. He has given me flowers and we shared a bottle of wine when his wife was out of town. He's putting pressure on me to be intimate but I don't feel comfortable in his house. I need to talk to him to see what he wants from me and what his plans are for his marriage. How do I have this discussion? --Stressed Babysitter; Charleston, S.C.

**Dear Babysitter:** The only discussion you need to have is the one asking for your check from his wife and ending your services. This man only wants you for sex because his wife is away working and he sees a willing babysitter. Don't be flattered by the wine because that was part of his game to get you to give it up. You don't need to discuss anything with him except the fact you're not interested and he needs to find another babysitter and keep it moving.

**Dear Deanna!** My sister has moved in with me and it's a total disaster. She is a liar, a thief and a master manipulator. I am used to a calm life that doesn't involve anyone opening my mail, answering my phone and acting as if they live in a hotel with room service. I'm going to put her out but I have to face drama from my family because she's told them a pack of lies. Our family is torn and she already has everyone on her side. How do I evict her and still save

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