

# Man Opens Fire at Legacy Drug Lab

Woman killed, two other people injured

(AP)—A man opened fire with a rifle Tuesday at a Legacy Health drug-testing laboratory in Tualatin, killing one woman and wounding two other

people before fatally shooting himself, police said. The shooter and the female victim were not immediately identified. The shooting was reported at 11:48 a.m. "There were people running all over the place when the officers first responded," Tualatin Police Chief Kent Barker. "It was pretty chaotic at first."



Police crime scene technicians work Tuesday at the sight of a multiple shooting at a Legacy testing lab in Tualatin. (AP photo)

One of the wounded was taken to Legacy Emanuel Hospital, while the other was flown to Oregon Health & Science University, police said. Their conditions were not available.

Witnesses said a woman in a bloodied lab coat ran into a nearby Subway sandwich shop after the shooting.

Alina Kurtavenao, who works at the Subway, said the woman had blood on a leg and on her forehead.

"She wasn't crying, she wasn't scared. I think she was

in shock," she said.

Other businesses in the area include a framing store, a bank and a locksmith. The office mall was evacuated when police arrived.

Legacy MetroLab conducts drug and alcohol testing for employers and others, according to company spokeswoman Kathleen Gorman.

"There were probably six people working there," said Travis Bonser, a teller at a Chase Bank across the street. "It's just a regular lab."

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## First Family Photo Released

President Barack Obama and his family have released their official first family portrait, shot by famed photographer Annie Leibovitz.

The president and first lady are shown smiling, with the arms of their daughters, Sasha and Malia, draped around them. The picture was taken Sept. 1 as the first family sat in an informal pose in the White House's Green Room.

Leibovitz has frequented the White House in the last few months for a series of portraits for Vanity Fair. According to the magazine, the photographer's relationship with the first family goes back to 2004, when Barack Obama was running for the U.S. Senate. She shot his family at the campaign headquarters, long before he was in the running for the presidency.



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President Barack Obama, first lady Michelle Obama, and their daughters, Malia, second from left, and Sasha, sitting for a family portrait in the Green Room of the White House.

## Fire Destroys SE School

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broke out, a black cloud still hovered high above the school and was visible all along 82nd Avenue.

Portland Public Schools Spokesperson Matt Shelby said that the cause of the fire hadn't

been determined, but noted that no one was hurt.

He said the school officials evacuated the building exactly as they are trained for in a fire emergency.

Shelby didn't know exactly how bad the school was damaged, but it appeared that the

damage was extensive if not a total loss.

Shelby said school administrators are considering sending Marysville students to the vacant Rose City Park School in northeast Portland.

"It's not ideal," said Shelby of the faraway location. "But it's

a building."

Pete Mill, who lives blocks from the school, remembers attending a school not unlike Marysville School, and was distraught by the fire.

"It's terrible," he said. "I just happen to like old school buildings."

## Hang Up and Drive

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held cell phone in favor of a hands-free device.

Allhiser said there's part of him that views the new law as a "Nanny State" intrusion into people's lives. But at the same time, he said, it's probably a good idea for the state to lean on motorists to hang up and drive.

"It's like a seat belt. When I grew up, no one wore them. I wear one every day now, and there's no doubt in my mind it keeps me safer," he said.

Some law enforcement officials are concerned about the broad wording of the provision in the law that grants exceptions for certain drivers. They worry about officers spending time pulling over drivers they see talking on a hand-held cell phone, only to discover they were doing so lawfully.

"It won't be a difficult law to enforce, but there will be circumstances that may need clarification," Oregon State Police Lt. Gregg Hastings said.

A key backer of the law, Sen. Ginny Burdick, said the exemption was worded broadly as a compromise to help it win approval. She said the intent is to offer the exemption to people whose car is tantamount to being their workplace -- such as sales and delivery workers.

"Just calling someone at your office to catch up on gossip is definitely not what we had in mind," the Portland Democrat said.

In 2007, Oregon lawmakers made it illegal for teenagers younger than 18 to talk on cellphones and drive, but the law said police could ticket teens only if they had been stopped for another traffic violation. Local police said that provision made the law difficult to enforce.

The new law taking effect in January would still prohibit teens from driving and talking, even on a handsfree set, and make it a primary offense for drivers of any age to text or use a hand-held cell phone.

Marie Dodds, spokeswoman for Oregon-Idaho AAA, said

the auto club thinks Oregon's new law is a step in the right direction. However, Dodds said she hopes the new law's provision allowing for use of hands-free devices while driving doesn't give Oregon motorists a false sense of security.

Evidence shows that using a hands-free phone while driving impairs a driver's reaction and increases crash risk about the same as if the driver is using a hand-held phone, Dodds said.

With either type of phone, she said, "your mental focus and concentration are on that phone conversation, not on driving."

Figures from the Oregon Transportation Safety Division show that the number of traffic deaths and injuries attributable to cell phone use is small.

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take a priority over handing out tickets to motorists talking on hand-held cell phones.

"If an officer is spending his whole day running from a burglary call to a fight call, then this law isn't going to get much attention from him that day," he said.

Russ Rader of the Insurance Institute of Highway Safety said studies of several states that have banned the cell phones for some time indicate that use of the phones creeps back up if there isn't strong, continuing enforcement of those bans.

An exception is the District of Columbia, where use of the hand-held devices remains low five years after the ban was adopted, Rader said.

"DC has a reputation for be-

ing a tough traffic enforcement town," he said. "We know that tough, publicized enforcement is the key to getting drivers to put down their phones."

Salem real estate broker Sylvia Perry is among those who are in full support of Oregon's new cell-phone ban.

She has often used a cell phone in her car to arrange house showings and make appointments with appraisers and inspectors. She had a close call one day while engaging in one of those conversations. The motorist ahead of her suddenly hit the brakes, forcing Perry to slam on hers.

"All of my stuff went sliding off the seat; my purse was upside down on the floor and I was thinking, 'That was not good,' because I was on the phone," she says.

For safety reasons, Perry says she's been trying to talk less while driving. She says she often pulls off the road and parks if a client or somebody else wants to have a detailed phone discussion with her.

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