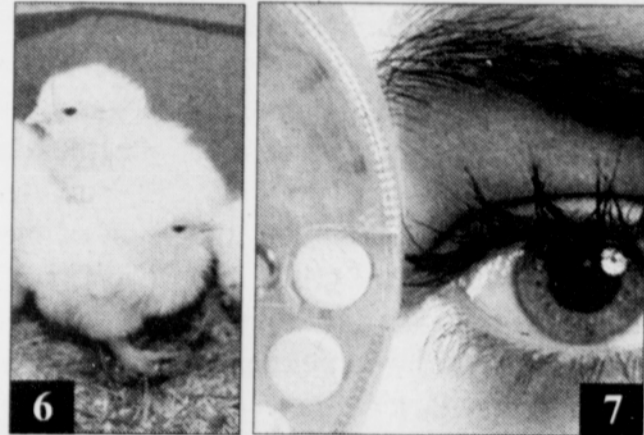


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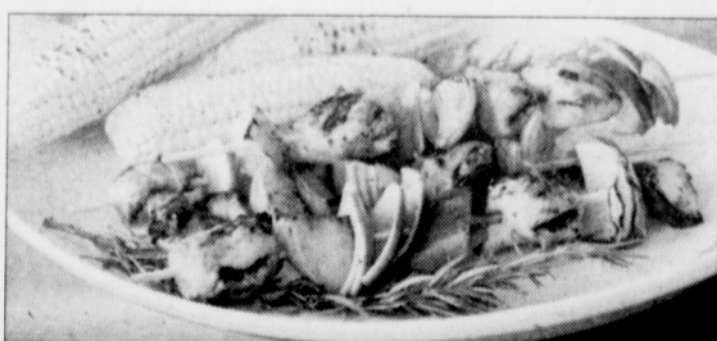


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# LOCAL NEWS

## Chasse Lawsuit Settled

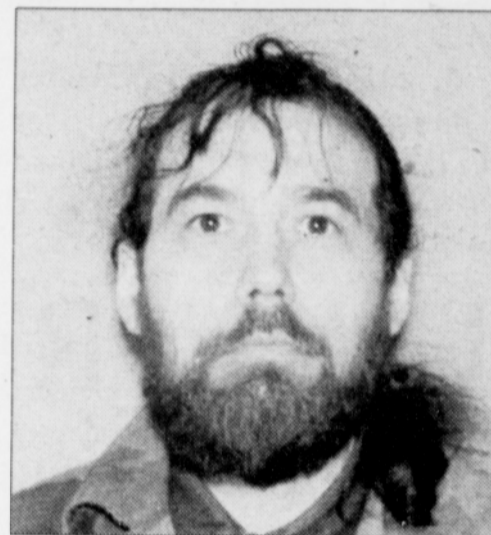
### City to pay \$1.6 million in damages

Family Awarded \$1.6 Million The family of a mentally ill man who died in police custody has settled a lawsuit against the city of Portland just weeks before the case was scheduled for trial.

The \$1.6 million settlement must still be approved by the City Council.

James Chasse Jr., who suffered from schizophrenia, died in September 2006 after he was tackled by police officers who chased him for allegedly urinating in public. He was also shot with a stun gun.

Chasse, 42, suffered 16 broken ribs and a punctured lung that led to his death while officers were taking him to a hospital



James Chasse Jr.

in a patrol car.

Officers took him first to the Multnomah County jail but a nurse told them Chasse could not be booked in his condition.

The family settled for \$925,000 with Multnomah County for a sheriff's deputy's involvement in

the death and for a reported \$600,000 with American Medical Response Northwest Inc., the ambulance company that responded to the scene of the arrest.

In November, city Commissioner Dan Saltzman, who oversees the Portland Police Bureau, recommended the two Portland officers involved in the death be disciplined.

Saltzman said Sgt. Kyle Nice and Officer Christopher Humphreys should be suspended for failing to require that Chasse be taken to a hospital.

The federal civil rights lawsuit filed by Chasse's family accused Portland police officers of excessive force and denying Chasse appropriate medical attention.

## Police Chief Battles Cuts

### Mayor, Sizer see budget differently

Police Chief Rosie Sizer and Mayor Sam Adams are locked in dispute over cuts to the Police Bureau.

On Monday, Sizer announced that under the mayor's proposed 2010-11 budget, the bureau would have to layoff 25 sworn officers and restrict public access during evening hours at the North and East Precincts. It would also eliminate the cold case murder investigations unit, the mounted patrol unit, as well as regional narcotics investigators.

Adams had claimed to protect police officer jobs, despite tough

fiscal times, when he released his budget proposal on Friday.

Facing another year of declining revenue for the city, he asked all bureaus to brace for a 4 percent cut, with the exception of public safety bureaus, which were cut by 2 percent.

The Police Bureau was asked to find \$3.4 million worth of cuts for the upcoming fiscal year, in addition to \$2.8 million in cuts from last year's budget. However, Sizer said she was surprised the mayor included all the cuts identified by the bureau.

She said her department has reached near full-employment with more people turning to it for work in the down economy. However, if the budget cuts are adopted the bureau might have to start laying off newly-trained officers.

Shortly after the chief made the announcements, Adams responded in a statement, reiterating that he tried to insulate public safety bureaus from deeper cuts. He also mentioned that he had worked with Sizer on the budget, and questioned some of the claims she made.

"Her team and I met numerous times during the budget development process to strategize on how to make the necessary cuts in the least painful manner," said Adams in the statement. "Today Police Chief Rosie Sizer in her press conference neglected to mention that fact. Or that she approved the cuts recommended by her Bureau and included in my proposed budget."

Adams said that he would review what happened, and make necessary changes.

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