

# Man Wanted in Possible Hate Crime

The Portland Police Bureau, in cooperation with Crime Stoppers, is asking for your help in solving an assault and possible hate crime.

Just after midnight on Monday, Nov. 1, a man was assaulted near the pedestrian overpass at Southeast 16th Avenue and Brooklyn Street. He was severely beaten and sustained serious head and abdominal injuries and was left unconscious on the train tracks just below the overpass.

After an interview with the victim, detectives believe that the assault was likely due to the suspect's perception of the sexual orientation of the victim.

The suspect is described

as a white male in his early to late 20s. He is approximately 6 foot 1 with a muscular build. He had short



A police sketch shows a suspect wanted for a hate crime.

blonde hair and a light beard. He also had a light complexion and his face was freckled. The suspect was riding a bicycle and was accompanied by another male also on a bicycle.

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 can remain anonymous. Call Crime Stoppers at 503-823-HELP (4357), leave a tip online at [crimestoppersoforegon.com](http://crimestoppersoforegon.com) or text 823HELP plus your tip and send it to CRIMES (274697).

# Jay Wins Parking Battle, Again

## Entrepreneur keeps hold on SmartPark

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For the second time this year, a City of Portland evaluation committee has selected Tennessee-based Central Parking, led by Portland business entrepreneur Roy Jay, to operate the downtown SmartPark garage system, a multi million dollar industry.

Last April, the three-year contract for management of the city-owned



Roy Jay

parking facilities, was initially awarded to Central Parking over two prominent Portland families who dominate the downtown parking market.

However, Mayor Sam Adams canceled the contract after the Schlesinger and Goodman families protested the selection process.

Goodman indicated that the city's parking garage manager, Charles Dummet, had recently worked as manager for Central Parking.

At the most recent pre-bid conference held by the Portland Bu-

reau of Transportation, Schlesinger's Star Park firm bid again, as well as Seattle's Ace Parking, but Goodman's City Center business failed to submit a bid before the deadline.

In a press release, Jay said the recommendation by the panel of business and professional evaluators, selected his Central Parking firm "head and shoulders" above any of the remaining finalists.

Jay said he "put a lot of skin in the game" and the benefits to the city are more than just the SmartPark contract's bottom line.

He said Central Parking offers its employees better health care plus a 401k retirement program, something that neither Star Park nor City Center Parking have ever offered their workers.

In 2003, Jay helped Star Park win the city's parking deal by forming a coalition that included the African American Chamber of Commerce and other minority chamber groups.

The next step is for the City Council to authorize the parking contract which is scheduled next month.

# Gun Case Sends Man to Prison

Jaime Lee Michael Sims, 30, an ex-felon and gang member from Portland, was sentenced Monday to serve 70 months in federal prison for being a felon in possession of a

firearm.

Sims was charged with selling a .22 caliber handgun, 18 rounds of ammunition and cocaine to a government informant. Authorities said

he previously had convictions for attempted assault and unlawful use of a weapon for shooting up a house in 2001 occupied by a rival gang member, his wife and five children.

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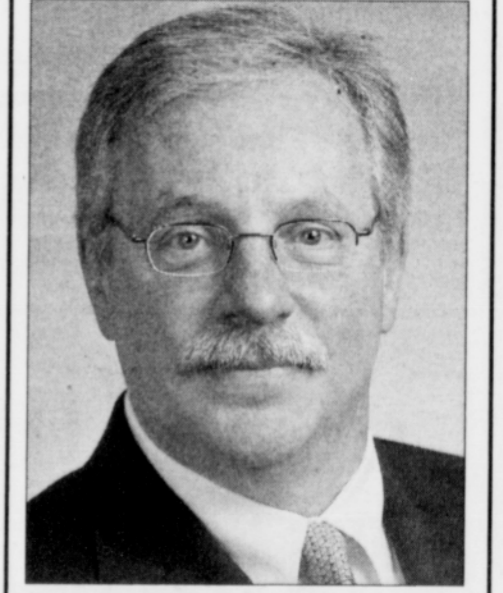
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## Urban Renewal Director Retiring



Portland Development Commission Executive Director Bruce Warner, who led the city's urban renewal and economic development agency, announced his retirement to staff at an all-employee meeting Monday.