

# LAW & JUSTICE

## Two Guilty in Black Journalist's Murder

Group leader ordered killing

An Oakland jury on Thursday found a California community group leader and another man guilty of murder in the daytime slaying of the first American journalist killed on U.S. soil for reporting a story in more than a decade.

Former Your Black Muslim Bakery leader Yusuf Bey IV was also convicted in the killings of two other men in a month-long spree of violence that culminated with the fatal August 2007 shooting of 57-year-old Chauncey Bailey while he walked to the newspaper where he was investigating the financial woes of Bey's group.

Jurors found co-defendant



Oakland Post Editor  
Chauncey Bailey

Antoine Mackey guilty in the murder of 36-year-old Michael Wills, but deadlocked on murder charges against him in the death of 31-year-old Odell Roberson Jr.

Founded some 40 years ago by Bey's father, the bakery, which promoted self-empowerment, became an institution in Oakland's black community while running a security service, school and other businesses. In recent years, the organization was tainted by connections to criminal activity.

Prosecutors argued that Bey felt he was above the law and was so desperate to protect the legacy of his family's once-influential bakery that he ordered Bailey murdered. The Oakland Post editor had been working on a story about the organization's finances as it descended toward bankruptcy.

Bey and Mackey, both 25, could get life in prison without the possibility of parole when they are sentenced.

## Civil Rights Review of Portland Police Begins

The U. S. Department of Justice Civil Rights Division has opened an investigation of the Portland Police Bureau.

The decision was announced last Wednesday at City Hall with Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Rights Division Thomas E. Perez, who explained the investigation will look into whether the Portland police are engaged in a "pattern or practice" of civil rights violations relating to officer's use of force, particularly against people with mental illness.

"Effective, accountable policing is critical for any healthy community, and we are here today because we all share the goal of ensuring that

the PPB is the best law enforcement agency that it can be," Perez said.

Local and state mental health providers have been crippled by a lack of funding, staffing cuts, and a failing economy, according to the Portland Police Association.

"As a result, local police often have become the frontline in dealing with the mentally ill," the group representing police officers said.

The union joined city leaders like Mayor Sam Adams and other advocates for social justice in welcoming the investigation, saying it was not an indictment of Portland Police officers, but rather an investigation into the systems that are at work in a difficult situation.

## Malcolm X Daughter Admits to Theft

The youngest daughter of black civil rights leader Malcolm X admitted on Thursday to stealing the identity of a longtime family friend and using it to make more than \$55,000 in illegal credit card purchases.

Malikah Shabazz, 46, pleaded guilty to identity theft in New York and will also make restitution to the credit card companies, Queens District Attorney Richard Brown said.

She is due to be sentenced on July 28. Judge Fernando Camacho indicated he will impose five years'

probation provided she makes full restitution, Brown's office said.

Shabazz, a North Carolina resident, was charged in March with opening several credit cards in the name of Queens resident Khaula Bakr, the widow of a bodyguard who was with Malcolm X when he was assassinated in Harlem in 1965.

According to authorities, Shabazz told Bakr she needed her personal information for paperwork involving a child care matter and then used it to steal from the accounts.



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