

Young man has Heart Attack in Police Car

Darris Eugene Johnson, 26, died at a Portland Hospital hours after he fled from a vehicle traffic stop. He ran and jumped three fences before Portland Police arrested him early Sunday morning on July 10.

The cause and manner of Johnson's death are pending on an autopsy conducted by the Oregon state Medical Examiner. They found that he did not have any traumatic injuries, but he did have a significantly enlarged heart.

Johnson was arrested in a yard in the 12300 block of Southeast Bush

Street after running from police. Initially, he was one among four other passengers in a 1988 Cadillac stopped by officers on Southeast 122nd and Bush for not having a tail light.

Officers checked each passenger's information and as they re-approached the car, Johnson ran from the rear left passenger side. As officers pursued Johnson with a canine, a police dispatcher indicated the suspect had a felony arrest warrant for parole violation for drugs.

Johnson jumped over three

fences before officers located him hiding behind a house.

After officers "verbally challenged the suspect," Johnson cooperated and was taken into custody "without incident" and "without the use of force," a Portland police report said.

The suspect indicated that he was having trouble breathing. As officers, Zach Zelinka, a two-year-veteran, and Justin Thurman, a four-year-veteran, transported Johnson to jail for his warrant, he began "experiencing a medical problem," the police report said.

Eugene Boden, Johnson's father, says Darris suffered a "heart attack" in the back seat of the police car.

The police officers stopped at Southeast Market Street and Cherry Blossom Drive and radioed for emergency medical personnel to respond, took of his handcuffs and began CPR.

The Portland Fire paramedics and AMR ambulance arrived on scene and provided care then transported

the suspect to the Portland Adventist Medical Center.

The suspect arrived at Portland Adventist Medical Center at 5:59 a.m. and Medical staff informed us the suspect suffered a medical complication and was pronounced dead at 7:58 a.m.

Preliminary information from Medical staff indicated the suspect tested positive for methamphetamine and marijuana and may have suffered a cardiac arrest.

Investigators have learned that Johnson had a felony parole violation warrant issued by the Oregon State Parole Board, related to a 2009 conviction for Unlawful Delivery of Cocaine and Resisting Arrest.

Detectives would like to hear from anyone with information about Johnson's activities in the 24 hours preceding his death, specifically any information about drug use.

Anyone with information is encouraged to call Detective Chris Traynor at (503) 823-0449.

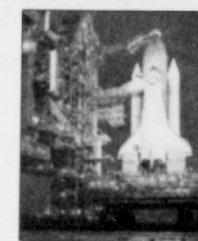
The Week in Review

News of the World Shuts Down

The 168-year-old News of the World publication came to an end last weekend after being brought down by a scandal over the interception of voicemail messages. The final edition included an apology to readers for the newspaper losing its way, as well as a defiant claim to being the "world's greatest." Reporters leaving the newsroom for the final time on Saturday night were told by the police to leave their desks, including their notebooks, untouched.

Final Space Mission Complete

NASA's final space shuttle mission Atlantis, which launched on Friday, July 8th, will carry out a recycling experiment to see if they can recycle urine into drinkable water with no power source in space. Although astronauts at the International Space Station have been drinking from a machine that converts urine into water for years, scientists say the machine consumes too much of the lab's limited energy supply.



Former First Lady Dies

Betty Ford, the former first lady whose triumph over drug and alcohol addiction became a beacon of hope for addicts and the inspiration for her Betty Ford Center in California, died at age 93, a family friend said. Ford's husband, former President Gerald R. Ford, died in December 2006. Ford's body will be sent to Michigan for burial alongside her husband, who is buried at his namesake museum in Grand Rapids.

U.S. Women's Soccer Victory

The U.S. women's national team won against Brazil Sunday after the game went into overtime, ultimately decided by penalty kicks in the World Cup quarter finals. Fans throughout the country are getting excited to see who will win the World Cup, which will take place after a semi-finals game where the U.S. team will play France in Moenchengladbach.



Death Penalty on Hold

After the Oregon Supreme Court called for a competency hearing, judge Joseph Guimond formally ordered the Oregon Health Authority to evaluate the mental capacity of inmate Gary Haugen, who has said he wants to give up further appeals and proceed with his execution. Haugen, who was convicted in 1981 for killing a former girlfriend's mother and an inmate in 2003, will undergo an evaluation, ordered by Judge Guimond, within the next 30 days to see if he is able to make choices surrounding his legal options.

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