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Caseworker Killed During Visit

(AP) — A St. Helens man who pleaded guilty to attempted murder five years ago is suspected of stabbing his mental health caseworker to death during a home visit.

Brent Redd, 30, was under supervision by the nonprofit Columbia Community Mental Health.

St. Helens Police Chief Steve Salle said Monday that dispatchers received a call at about 8 a.m. Sunday, directing them to Redd's home on a report of a disturbance.

Salle said Redd answered the door and ran. He was detained after a short chase. Inside his house, Salle said police and medics found the body of the caseworker, Jennifer Warren.

"Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends after this terrible incident," Columbia County Mental Health said in a statement Monday. "We are working closely with the proper authorities and have initiated an independent review to ensure the safety of our mental health workers."

Remembering the Flood

Memorial Day event to tour site of Vanport

Local organizations will hold an event to remember the Vanport Flood, when the Columbia River spilled onto what was then Oregon's second largest city on Memorial Day 1948, killing at least 15 people and leaving 18,000 people homeless. Many of the victims were black residents who came to Portland to work in the shipyards of World War II.

Made possible by the Columbia Slough Watershed Council and the Black United Fund, everyone is invited to the one hour anniversary event, which will lead residents on a tour of the flood site, now part of north Portland.

Participants will meet at Delta Park / Vanport Park & Ride at 1940 N. Victory Blvd. on Wednesday, May 30 at 4 p.m. For more information, contact Melissa Sandoz at 503-281-1132 or visit columbiaslough.org/calendar.



A survivor is carried to safety during the Vanport Flood of 1948. The destruction happened on Memorial Day when the Columbia River broke through levees and washed out the former town which housed a large African-American community.

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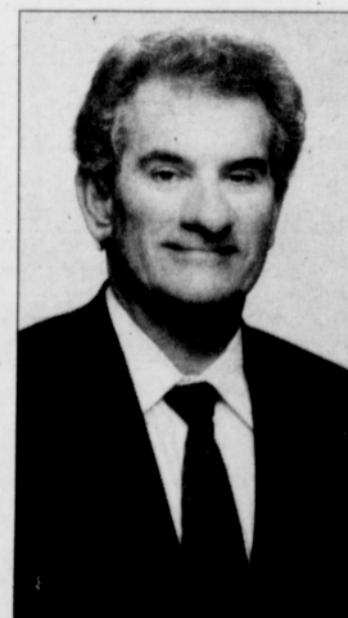
Black Railroad History Wanted

A local organization is calling for the community's help to keep black history alive.

The Oregon Black Pioneers is looking for vintage artifacts and photographs depicting the experience of Portland's African Americans and their families who worked for the railroads from 1800s to the mid-1900s.

The memorabilia will be featured at the Oregon Historical Society Museum this year.

To share your objects, artifacts and images, contact Jackie Peterson-Loomis, exhibit registrar at JackieLP@comcast.net. For additional information about this exhibit, contact Gwen Carr, Exhibit Project Manager at gweccar@comcast.net.



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