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What's on your list today?

LOCAL NEWS

Officer Killed on Fire Call

Man accused of shooting after setting house ablaze

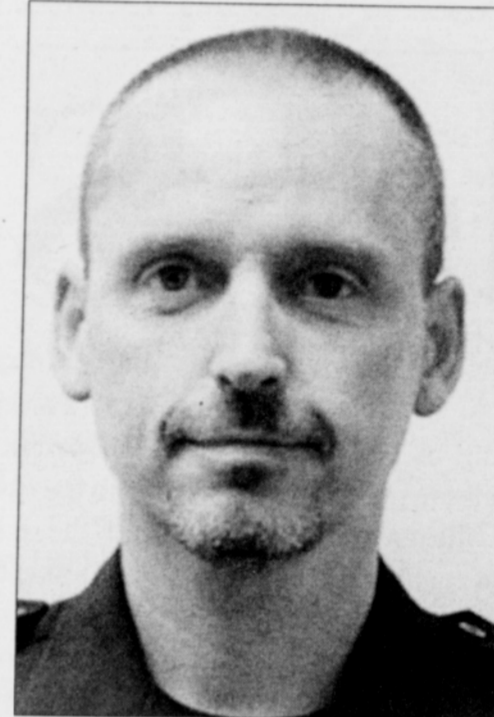
An 88-year-old man set fire to his house in Oregon City Sunday and then fatally shot a volunteer reserve police officer who responded to the fire, police said.

The Oregon City police officer, Robert Libke, 41, a graduate from Marshall High School in southeast Portland, died Monday after suffering a bullet wound to his head.

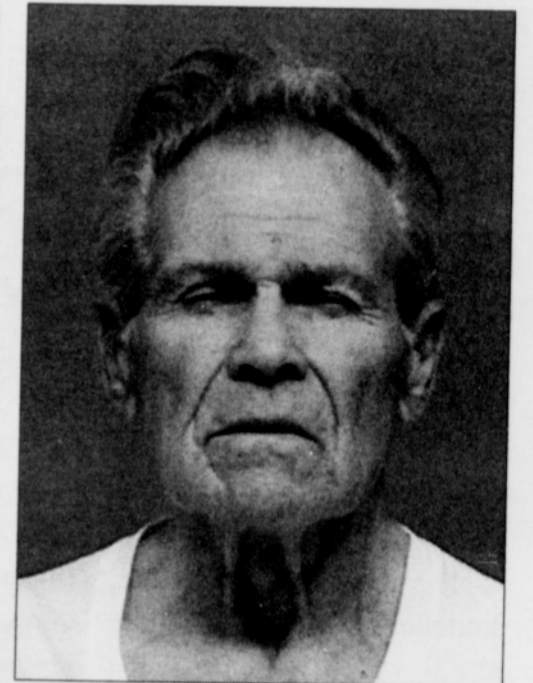
Authorities identified the suspected gunman as Lawrence Cambra, who was one of two residents of the burned home. A woman who also lives there was uninjured, said Sgt. Dan Kraus of the Clackamas County sheriff's office.

Investigators are still trying to determine a motive, but they don't believe the fire was intentionally set to lure police into an ambush, Kraus said.

The Oregonian reported that Cambra has a history of domestic



Robert Libke, fatally wounded



Lawrence Cambra, accused of shooting

disputes.

Police and firefighters were dispatched to Cambra's home after reports that it was burning. The reports said a man on the scene had a handgun.

Libke and a regular deputy were first on the scene. Police say Cambra confronted Libke and then shot him. Officers surrounded the area, and neighbors and firefighters were evacuated.

Libke was one of about 10 reserve officers who volunteer to augment regular staffing levels for the Oregon City police. Neighbors told The Oregonian that Libke's wife was pregnant. They said he started a neighborhood watch group in his southeast Portland neighborhood.

"Oh my God, my heart's just breaking," neighbor Ed Neuman said. "He's a good man. I'm just going to pray for him and his wife."

Woman's Life Taken in Gunfire

The Oregon State Medical Examiner will be conducting an autopsy soon to determine the exact cause of death of 24-year-old Precious Antanaye Jackson. This comes after a shooting early Friday morning. Jackson's body was discovered by police outside the Laurel Place Apartments on Southeast 124th Avenue and Powell Court at 1:37 a.m.

Homicide detectives are asking for the public's help to recover any discarded clothing, particularly jackets or hoodies in the area of Gilbert Heights City Park located at Southeast 127th Avenue and Boise Street. Authorities are saying it was around this area where a vehicle was seen eluding officers and crashed, before three to four African-American males fled the car.



Precious Jackson

Policy Director Hiring Draws Criticism

African American advocates for police reform in Portland are raising concerns over the hiring of police officer as the new police policy advisor to Mayor Charlie Hales.

The Albina Ministerial Alliance Coalition for Justice and Police Reform said the choice of a sworn police officer for the job may cause a conflict because of concerns she will not stand up to the police chief

and his commanders who used to be her supervisors.

Hales named Deanna Wesson-Mitchell, a 9 year veteran of the Police Bureau and a local African-American who graduated from Jefferson High School, as his police policy director last week to replace Baruti Artharee, a longtime leader from Portland's African American community.

In an open letter addressed to Mayor Hales, the AMA says "it has been reported that Officer Wesson-Mitchell has the ability to return to the Bureau if she chooses to re-apply within three years. If her decision making will be in any way influenced by the concern that she may not be welcome back if she makes

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