

# Life Sentence for Portland Pimp

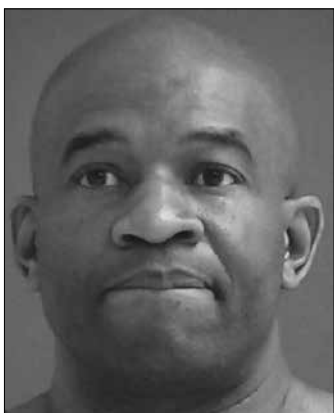
A repeat Portland sex offender who prostituted a 15-year-old runaway last year has been sentenced to life in prison.

Anthony Curry, 50, had other victims come forward during his high-profile case in Multnomah County that concluded last week, including two women who said they had met Curry when they were teenagers and that he had started prostituting them after several weeks of manipulation and attempts to garner their trust.

Even after the women escaped from Curry, they testified via speakerphone how they continued to suffer because of his crimes and urged the court to put an end to his ongoing behavior.

Authorities said Curry pushed his last victim to strip at Portland's Jag Clubhouse after obtaining her a fake ID. He then took her to other local clubs, including The Dolphin II, Stars

Cabaret in Beaverton, and Sunset Strip in Cedar Hills.



Anthony Curry

The victim's mother also addressed the court by speakerphone and asked Judge Janelle Wipper to put away Curry for life. Curry has a criminal history, including convictions for third-degree rape, and promoting and compelling prostitution. Wipper followed through with the life sentence under

Oregon's three strikes law for sexual offenders, saying she was "unable and unwilling" to go with anything less.



# Unsolved Murder Revisited

Ervaeue Ronchelle Herring

Portland Police are coming back to the community to find answers on a murder case that's slowly gone cold.

Last year, on Aug. 17 at 5 a.m., officers found the body of Ervaeue Ronchelle Herring, 21, after reports of a shooting at the Eastwood Village Apartments on Southeast Powell Boulevard. Herring was dead of an apparent gunshot wound and it was clear someone, maybe several people, had shot into the apartment repeated-

ly. Herring was pregnant at the time. Crime Stoppers of Oregon is asking that if anyone knows about the shooting or death of Herring, they bring information forward by texting 823HELP to CRIMES (274637) followed by the tip, call 503-823-HELP, or visit crimestoppersoforegon.com. Tips can be shared anonymously and authorities are offering up to a \$1,000 reward for information that leads to an arrest in this case or any unresolved felony.

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Development Commission proposal for a Trader Joes grocery to be built a few blocks away on Northeast MLK and Alberta. That plan was withdrawn over community protests for failing to address a critical shortage of housing serving local residents. In its place is a proposed Natural Grocers store, and Monday's announcement included an update for the MLK and Alberta property with Colas Construction, a black-owned Portland company, and Majestic Realty, a Los Angeles developer, planning to break ground on the store and other commercial retail space sometime this fall.

"Through their focus on commercial activity and affordable housing, both projects will add to the vitality and diversity of the community, and will serve to underscore our commitment to this vital section of northeast Portland," said Commissioner Saltzman.

"This is a happy, long awaited day," said Mayor Charlie Hales.

Travis Phillips, the housing development manager for PCRI, said that there would be a community engagement process to decide what kind of units to build and how many of them will go into the space provided. This will better equip them to share precisely how many units will be available in the new space.

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