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lective bargaining agreement, they need to notify and bargain with the union over those changes," he said. "That's their legal obligation."

have dealt with them individually, Zilly said. The union has filed an unfair labor practices complaint with the National Labor Relations Board. The

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"It's not about prayer, it's not about religion; it's about reasonable requirements," Broome told the AP earlier this month.

Observant Muslims pray several times a day.

If Hertz thought some employees were abusing the break policies, it should

union said it is also in the process of filing religious discrimination charges with the EEOC.

The union represents nearly 80 Hertz drivers who earn between \$9.15 and \$9.95 an hour. About 70 percent are Muslim.

Ripoff

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Under an agreement with Qwest and its affiliate, Qwest Wireless, the company gave refunds or credits worth up to six months of service to Oregon customers.

Today, the FCC is considering new rules to reduce cramming. However, the attorneys general say that federal anti-cramming regulations must be stronger than proposed. Regulations contemplated by the FCC would apply only to landline charges; they emphasize better phone bill disclosures and allow consumers to request blocks of third-party charges.

Given that landline cramming charges are often phony and imposed without a customer's consent, the AGs urge the FCC to ban all non-telephone, third-party charges on landline telephone bills. If the FCC fails to implement such a ban, the AGs suggest that landline telephone companies be required to automatically block all third-party charges unless the consumer opts to accept such charges from a specific vendor by consenting through a phone call to their

telephone company. Consumers would still be free to purchase these third-party services through more traditional means, such as by credit card.

The coalition also advises the FCC to require wireless telephone service providers obtain consumer consent for each third-party charge, verified by either call or text, before being billed and give customers the option of blocking all third-party charges from their account, at no cost.

The AGs' proposed wireless standards reflect the popularity of wireless services, as many consumers replace their landlines with cell and smart phone technology. These devices may be used as virtual electronic wallets capable of

making purchases in many different forms, raising the stakes - and costs - for phone bill chicanery. Even though wireless telephone bills have generated fewer cramming complaints than landlines, the attorneys general urge the FCC to adopt protective measures before cramming

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Murder

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another vehicle, we could also take some riffraff off the street," Pedersen wrote.

As it turned out, the pair did not take Clark's vehicle. Instead, they kept a car they had stolen from the third victim, 19-year-old Cody Myers of Oregon.

Myers' body was found in Western Oregon on Oct. 4 with gunshot wounds in the head and chest. Pedersen and Grigsby were driving Myers' car when they were arrested Oct. 5 north of Sacramento.

Pedersen did not say why they chose not to take Clark's vehicle.

A message left Friday for Pedersen's attorney, Gil Levy of Seattle, by The Associated Press wasn't immediately returned.

The killing spree began with the deaths of Pedersen's father and stepmother at their home in Everett, Wash., around Sept. 26.

In his letter, Pedersen wrote that "every-

thing that Ms. Grigsby and I have done - "first large city" to give them some "breath-

Grigsby and Pedersen have sought to portray themselves as warriors on a campaign to - as Grigsby put it in an interview with a California newspaper - keep 'our race' from 'being wiped out'

that which has been made public and that which hasn't - was done to facilitate our move south, away from Washington and Oregon and the area in which the manhunt for us was most greatly concentrated."

He said the pair planned to travel to the

Occupy Solidarity



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Eddie Rye speaks on behalf of the MLK Organizing Committee Saturday Oct. 22, at Westlake Park, the sight of Occupy Seattle. The NAACP joined organizations like El Comite ProReforma Migratoria y Justicia Social, the NAACP, Cop Watch, United Indians of all Tribes, and other historical organizations of people of color at Occupy Seattle to show their solidarity with the group.

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The attorneys general submitting their comments to the FCC represent New York, Oregon, Tennessee, Maryland, Indiana, Kentucky, Mississippi, Arizona, Nevada, Iowa, New Hampshire, Alaska, Delaware, Georgia, New Mexico, Alabama and Washington state.

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