

# Convicted rapist charged in suburban Portland killing

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PORTLAND — A teenager who raped and severely beat a woman outside Autzen Stadium last fall has been charged with killing a woman at a suburban Portland apartment complex.

Jaime Tinoco, 17, was arrested Wednesday on aggravated murder and weapons charges, Washington County Sheriff Pat Garrett said. Investigators believe the Aug. 19 attack on Nicole Laube was sexually motivated, but the 29-year-old mother was not raped before she was fatally stabbed.

“A stranger-to-stranger murder, with almost no physical evidence, is about the most difficult case you can ask detectives to solve, and that’s what they were up against in this case,” Garrett said.

Tinoco was sentenced last week to more than 14 years in prison for a rape that occurred Sept. 13 during a group outing for

young offenders to a University of Oregon game in Eugene.

After the sentencing, a Eugene detective questioned Tinoco about Laube’s killing. Sheriff’s Sgt. Bob Ray said the detective got “significant information” that led to this week’s grand jury indictment, but he wouldn’t elaborate.

Tinoco had been a prime suspect for months in Laube’s killing. When detectives heard the Eugene rape had been committed by a Washington County teen, they checked his background and noticed he lived with his parents across the road from the complex where Laube had been hanging lease-renewal fliers on the day of her death.

Ray said a search warrant was served on the parents’ home, but he would not say what evidence was found, if any.

“We believe he was out looking

for someone to assault, and, unfortunately for Nicole Laube, they crossed paths that day,” Ray said.

Tinoco is in the custody of the Oregon Youth Authority until he turns 18 on Friday. He is expected to have a public defender assigned to him at his arraignment, which has yet to be scheduled.

Nicole Laube’s husband, Chris Laube, said he had to pinch himself to make sure the news of the arrest was not a cruel April Fool’s Day joke.

“Throughout all this time, there were leads and things — you go one direction, you go the other direction,” he said. “Then to finally get that call that today is the day, and it happens to be April 1, you wonder, ‘Is this a joke?’”

Nicole Laube’s father, Rich Jones, a Hillsboro pastor, said the months that had gone by with the crime unsolved only deepened

the grief of losing his first-born daughter and watching her young children grow up without their mother.

“We cannot wrap our minds around what has happened,” he said. “The degree of depravity to commit such a horrific crime is unfathomable.”

Sheriff Garrett on Wednesday defended the county Juvenile Department, which organized the trip to Autzen Stadium as part of a program to help teens who had been in trouble with the law.

A judge had sentenced Tinoco to supervised probation in July following convictions on charges of burglary, harassment and possession of methamphetamines. He escaped supervision after the game that drew more than 56,000 fans.

Garrett said he understands the media questions, but, “I just don’t know how one could predict the murderous brutality and the apparent complete disregard for human life.”



Tinoco

## BRIEFLY

### Man fatally shot by Eugene, police identified

EUGENE (AP) — The police chief in Eugene, Oregon, says a 49-year-old man killed by a police officer earlier this week was shot after he came to the front door of his residence and pointed a rifle at an officer.

Police Chief Pete Kerns identified the man killed Monday as Brian Babb. The chief told a news conference Wednesday that officers were dispatched to the home after a 911 call from a therapist who said Babb was emotionally distressed and suicidal and had fired a shot inside the home. No one was hurt by that shot.

Babb’s roommate safely left the house after police arrived.

The police response included some officers in an armored vehicle. The chief says Babb was only visible to the officer standing up through the armored vehicle’s hatch and that officer fired one shot. He is on leave while the investigation proceeds and has not yet been identified.

The Register-Guard newspaper reports that Babb was an Army veteran who served in Afghanistan in 2006.

### Portland bans pesticides harmful to bees

PORTLAND (AP) — The Portland City Council has banned the use by the city of a class of pesticides particularly harmful to bees, including one that is the most effective control of a pest that attacks roses — the city’s symbol.

The council voted unanimously Wednesday to adopt an ordinance that bars the city from buying or using neonicotinoid pesticides on city property, and urging retailers to label plants, seeds and products containing them.

It does not stop people from using the pesticides on private property.

Neonicotinoids have been blamed for seven bee kills in Oregon since 2013. Seattle and Spokane in Washington state, Eugene, Oregon, and national wildlife refuges have banned their use to protect pollinators.

The ban was hailed by conservation groups, which are also working for statewide restrictions on the pesticides.

# Western cities had hottest March on record

LOS ANGELES (AP) — While much of the nation shivered, many Western cities sweltered through their hottest March on record.

Cities in California, Arizona, Texas, Nevada and even Montana had record high temperatures on individual days last month, according to the National Weather Service. Some also racked up unusual overall temperatures or streaks of balmy weather.

In Los Angeles, the average high in March topped 79 degrees, and the temperature hit 90 or higher on six days. San Diego had five days of 90 or above. In Phoenix, the last five days of the month had highs of 95 or above.

The warmup is caused by a high-pressure system that has covered the West Coast and shows no sign of easing this year, said Eric Boldt, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service.

The ridge of high pressure blocks storms, which means “less cloud cover and more sun, and that’s kept us very warm,” Boldt said Wednesday.

“All of the West Coast ... even up into Oregon, Washington ... have seen record-breaking temperatures this winter, and March just continued this same theme,” he said.

San Diego has now seen 17 warmer-than-normal months in a



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In this March 11 photo, the sun sets as a weather front passed through Southern California, seen from the Santa Monica Freeway (Interstate 10) in Los Angeles.

row, and Billings, Montana, had its second-warmest March in more than 80 years.

Las Vegas had a record mean of 66.7 degrees in March. Yakima, Washington, had a record mean of about 50 degrees, which was 7 degrees above normal.

The high-pressure ridge that’s to blame forces storms over the top of it, and they wind up socking

the Northeast, Boldt said.

With less rain and snow to provide water to drought-stricken California, Gov. Jerry Brown on Wednesday ordered officials to impose statewide mandatory water restrictions for the first time. Surveyors found the lowest snow level in the Sierra Nevada snowpack in 65 years of records.

In addition, ocean temperatures

have been above normal up and down the West Coast, “so we’re not getting a whole lot of relief when the winds do come ashore,” he said.

Temperatures have been above normal for years, Boldt said. Experts are trying to grapple with the cause, although he said they don’t think it’s related to climate change.

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## AccuWeather.com Forecast

**TODAY**

Mostly sunny

**FRIDAY**

A shower in the afternoon

**SATURDAY**

Considerable cloudiness

**SUNDAY**

Cloudy with a passing shower

**MONDAY**

Mostly cloudy with a shower

PENDLETON TEMPERATURE FORECAST				
Today	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
56° 33°	61° 37°	57° 36°	52° 34°	55° 36°
HERMISTON TEMPERATURE FORECAST				
60° 33°	64° 35°	62° 34°	58° 34°	59° 35°

### ALMANAC

**PENDLETON**  
through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	54°	39°
Normals	58°	38°
Records	76° (1921)	18° (1936)

**PRECIPITATION**  
24 hours ending 3 p.m. 0.00"  
Month to date 0.00"  
Normal month to date 0.04"  
Year to date 2.74"  
Last year to date 4.62"  
Normal year to date 4.00"

**HERMISTON**  
through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	59°	41°
Normals	62°	37°
Records	78° (2000)	16° (2008)

**PRECIPITATION**  
24 hours ending 3 p.m. 0.00"  
Month to date 0.00"  
Normal month to date 0.02"  
Year to date 1.52"  
Last year to date 2.75"  
Normal year to date 3.13"

### SUN AND MOON

	Full	Last	New	First
Sunrise today	6:34 a.m.			
Sunset tonight	7:24 p.m.			
Moonrise today	5:59 p.m.			
Moonset today	5:45 a.m.			

Apr 4   Apr 11   Apr 18   Apr 25

**REGIONAL FORECAST**

Coastal Oregon: Partly sunny today. A little rain across the north tonight; clear elsewhere.

Eastern and Central Oregon: Mostly sunny today; however, some clouds in central parts. A moonlit sky tonight.

Western Washington: Clouds and sun today with a shower in spots. Periods of rain at the coast tonight.

Eastern Washington: Partly sunny today. Partly cloudy tonight.

Cascades: Clouds and sun today; a shower in spots across the north. Partly cloudy tonight.

Northern California: Plenty of sunshine today. Clear and moonlit tonight; cold.

### REGIONAL CITIES

	Today			Fri.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Astoria	54	40	pc	53	38	r
Baker City	48	19	s	56	29	pc
Bend	49	23	s	54	28	pc
Brookings	56	40	s	54	41	s
Burns	51	18	s	58	26	s
Enterprise	45	21	pc	52	30	s
Eugene	58	32	pc	57	37	r
Heppner	55	30	s	59	31	pc
Hermiston	60	33	s	64	35	pc
John Day	48	28	pc	56	31	pc
Klamath Falls	50	20	s	55	27	s
La Grande	50	24	pc	58	30	pc
Meacham	46	24	pc	55	28	pc
Medford	61	34	s	62	40	s
Newport	53	38	pc	52	38	r
North Bend	55	39	s	53	40	r
Ontario	56	25	s	63	34	s
Pasco	61	33	s	64	35	pc
Pendleton	56	33	s	61	37	pc
Portland	56	39	pc	55	39	r
Redmond	52	21	s	56	28	pc
Salem	57	35	pc	57	35	r
Spokane	53	34	pc	55	34	pc
Ukiah	47	22	pc	55	28	pc
Vancouver	55	37	pc	56	37	r
Walla Walla	57	38	pc	62	40	pc
Yakima	61	31	s	61	33	pc

### WORLD CITIES

	Today			Fri.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Beijing	54	42	sh	63	43	pc
Hong Kong	80	73	pc	80	73	pc
Jerusalem	65	54	pc	69	49	pc
London	49	45	c	54	42	r
Mexico City	76	50	pc	78	51	pc
Moscow	44	32	c	37	28	sn
Paris	53	45	r	54	42	sh
Rome	63	46	s	63	49	pc
Seoul	67	43	r	63	45	pc
Sydney	83	65	sh	72	64	sh
Tokyo	61	55	pc	70	57	pc

### WINDS

(in mph)	Today	Friday
Boardman	WSW 7-14	WSW 6-12
Pendleton	WSW 8-16	W 7-14

### UV INDEX TODAY

0   3   5   5   3   1

8 a.m. 10 a.m. Noon 2 p.m. 4 p.m. 6 p.m.

0-2, Low 3-5, Moderate 6-7, High; 8-10, Very High; 11+, Extreme

The higher the AccuWeather.com UV Index™ number, the greater the need for eye and skin protection.

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### NATIONAL WEATHER TODAY

Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day.

**SHOWERS** t-storms rain flurries snow ice  
**FRONTS** cold front warm front stationary front high low

**National Summary:** An area of rain and thunderstorms will expand from the Deep South to the Great Lakes today. Snow will develop over Colorado and Wyoming. As the Pacific coast trends cooler, the Atlantic coast will turn warmer.

**Yesterday's National Extremes:** (for the 48 contiguous states)  
**High 92°** in Thermal, Calif.      **Low -4°** in Clayton Lake, Maine

### NATIONAL CITIES

	Today			Fri.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Albuquerque	74	41	pc	66	41	s
Atlanta	75	59	c	81	50	pc
Baltimore	67	56	s	71	49	t
Birmingham	49	31	sh	56	36	pc
Boise	52	30	s	61	38	s
Boston	54	45	pc	60	46	r
Charleston, SC	76	63	s	84	62	s
Chicago	65	44	t	78	47	r
Cleveland	67	45	sh	74	48	r
Dallas	86	65	pc	74	45	c
Denver	39	22	r	47	28	pc
Detroit	67	42	sh	78	57	pc
El Paso	84	55	pc	77	47	pc
Fairbanks	40	17	c	38	15	c
Fargo	53	20	c	48	25	s
Honolulu	84	71	pc	84	72	pc
Houston	84	69	pc	85	55	pc
Indianapolis	68	51	t	76	50	pc
Jacksonville	79	60	pc	85	59	s
Kansas City	72	42	t	57	31	c
Las Vegas	74	50	s	74	51	s
Little Rock	81	66	t	75	42	t
Los Angeles	77	58	s	87	58	s
Louisville	75	62	t	69	37	r
Memphis	80	65	t	75	41	t
Miami	82	70	s	83	70	s
Millwaukee	62	40	pc	46	27	pc
Minneapolis	63	30	sh	67	40	pc
Nashville	60	62	c	76	40	t
New Orleans	83	67	pc	84	60	s
New York City	60	51	s	63	44	sh
Oklahoma City	84	53	t	65	38	pc
Omaha	66	37	pc	54	31	pc