3 killed, suspect sought after hit-and-run, shooting

This security camera image shows a suspect in a hitand-run crash and shootings in the small city of Noti in southwest Oregon that left three people dead. Authorities are seeking the publics help in finding and identifying the suspect. Lane County Sheriff's Office via AP



The Associated Press

COOS BAY — Police searched Friday for a suspect believed to have killed three people in a wave of violence that included a hitand-run crash and a shooting at a pot shop in a small Oregon city.

The first person found dead was struck by a pickup truck at an RV park in the coastal city of North Bend, about 220 miles southwest of Portland, The Oregonian reported. A woman also was injured in the crash and taken to a hospital, where she was in critical condition, Coos

County District Attorney Paul Frasier said at a news conference.

A few minutes after the wreck, police received reports of gunshots at a cannabis shop, where one person was killed. Officials believe the same suspect is responsible for the shooting and the hit-and-run crash.

After the shooting, Frasier said the suspect went to a nearby sporting goods store and bought more ammunition.

Meanwhile, police had gone back to the RV park to search a trailer that was registered to the same person as the truck and found a body believed to belong to the owner of both, Frasier said. The prosecutor did not say how that victim died but that "there is no question in my mind this person died of homicidal violence."

None of the victims has been identified, and Frasier said it was unclear what, if any, connection they had to the suspect.

Police began searching for a white 2019 Dodge 3500 pickup, which was later found on a highway north of where the killings took place. The truck had crashed and been set on fire, Frasier said.

A witness told investigators that the driver appeared to be armed with a handgun at the time of the crash and had run into the woods. Law enforcement agencies were conducting a manhunt in the woods, Frasier said.

Law enforcement officials are searching the woods near an unincorporated Lane County community for the man. Deputies urged anyone who saw the man to call 911 and stay away from him. Residents of the Noti area were asked to stay inside.

Defense

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Those funds will only be released to the office if it can show satisfactory progress in several performance areas, such as financial management and office moderniza-

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Public defense is a field where it's often difficult to measure success, not-guilty verdicts being few and far between for most public defenders. That's why Jones, a retired Multnomah County judge, says he's a big believer in data-tracking, despite resistance by many attorneys to adding yet another layer of paperwork to their lives.

The vast majority of criminal cases, more than 80%, go to a public defender. The number is even higher in juvenile cases.

In Oregon, the public defense office is responsible for representing defendants who can't afford a lawyer. It's overseen by the Public Defense Services Commission, which was formed by the Legislature around 2000.

In 2019, the nonprofit Sixth Amendment Center released a report calling the way Oregon funded public defense unconstitutional and structurally flawed. That legislative session, House Bill 3145, would have overhauled the state public defense system, though the effort failed

In 2020, another bill, House Bill 4004, would have imposed performance tracking and other reforms in public defense in Oregon, though that bill died along with most others following the Republican walkout.

Borg fought hard to win support for House Bill 3145, and sources said he struggled to maintain momentum after the effort failed.

Reformers have high hopes for two current legislative efforts, one bill that passed earlier this month and the other that could receive approval as early as next week.

House Bill 2003, which Gov. Kate Brown signed into law June 11, expands the commission overseeing the

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defense services office and makes other changes. The proposed House Bill 5030 contains the next biennial budget for the office, including the \$100 million holdback.

Borg did enjoy at least one major victory in getting the commission to abandon the case-credit model as a way of paying public defense contractors, a provision of House Bill 2003. The method, which paid public defenders a flat rate per case, was criticized for providing no incentive for public defenders to secure a good result for clients. It led many to accept more clients to earn a living. Moving away from this model will also cost

Jones was brought on to serve in a temporary capacity. A national search is expected to yield his replacement in six to nine months.

The hubbub has also led to anxiety at the local level.

Private investigators in Oregon work on two types of defense case: retained and indigent. Retained work pays better, and law firms are quick to hand over payments, said private investigator Thad Higgins. This isn't the case with indigent work, he said.

Higgins has three employees at his firm WCN Investigations who assist him with fact-finding for defense attorneys in Central Oregon.

Today, Higgins typically waits seven weeks to receive payment for work on indigent cases.

When he started 4½ years ago, he used to get his checks, in his mailbox, within seven

"You want retained work," Higgins said. "But so much of the work out there is the indigent work through OPDS. Most people who commit crimes don't have a lot of money set aside to defend themselves."

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Western heat wave threatens health

BY ANITA SNOW

The Associated Press PHOENIX — Extreme temperatures like the ones blistering the American West this week aren't just annoying, they're deadly.

The record-breaking temperatures this week are a weather emergency, scientists and health care experts say, with heat responsible for more deaths in the U.S. than all other natural disasters combined. With more frequent and intense heat waves likely because of climate change and the worst drought in modern history, they say communities must better protect the vulnerable, like homeless people and those who live in ethnically and racially diverse low-income neighborhoods.

'This heat has an important effect on people and their health," said Dr. Suganya Karuppana, chief medical director at the Valle del Sol com-



leaps into his grandparents' backyard pool in the heat at their home in Mesa, Arizona, while the family dog Jackson looks on. Randy Hoeft/The

munity health clinics in Arizona.

People — along with plants and animals — need cooler temperatures at night to recover from the stress of high heat, scientists and doctors

said. But with overnight temperatures in the 90s, that's not happening.

Karuppana noted that many people she sees may have no car and have to take public transportation in the Phoenix

heat, walking through neighborhoods with few trees and waiting at bus and light rail stops with no or little shade. Some people live in poorly ventilated mobile homes or without air conditioning.

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