



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

May 2, 1994

COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR BORN
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY
COUNCILLOR TRIANTAFILLOU
COUNCILLOR WALSH
VICE MAYOR RUSSELL
MAYOR REEVES

WHEREAS: Thanks to the Cambridge Police Department's Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) "Stranger Danger" training, an eleven-year old Cambridge girl was able to thwart an alleged kidnap attempt outside her Central Square home; and

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WHEREAS: Through their quick action, Cambridge Police Officers Joe Wilson and Mark Donohue were able to arrest the suspected kidnapper that day; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council expresses its appreciation for the DARE "Stranger Danger" program and for Officers George Donovan, Joe Wilson and Mark Donohue and congratulates them and the eleven year old Cantabrigian girl for the training and quick thinking that led to a successful outcome of a dangerous situation; and be it further

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RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to prepare suitably engrossed copies of this resolution for presentation.

In City Council May 2, 1994.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

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City Clerk

Girl thwarts an alleged kidnap try

By Gloria Negri
GLOBE STAFF

CAMBRIDGE — An 11-year-old Cambridge girl, drawing on her school's "Stranger Danger" training, helped police capture a man who allegedly tried to kidnap her outside her Central Square home yesterday morning when she wrote down the man's license plate number and ran into her house to tell her father, authorities said.

Police, the girl and her father said a 30-year-old Somerville man tried to lure the girl into his sport utility vehicle by offering her money. The girl fled to her home and told her father, who confronted the man in his car. The man sped away and the father called police, who put out an all-points bulletin for the man and his vehicle.

After a brief chase, police arrested Fasil Tsegaye, a self-employed engineer, about 2½ miles from Central Square.

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tion unity

at failed to resolve the two most contentious issues – how to reform the tax system and policy to adopt on North Korea.

He attempted to play down the divisions within his government.

“Don’t think the coalition is badly split,” he said.

Over the last eight months of coalition rule, he had trouble agreeing on a number of issues, including opening the rice market, he said. “So now we have an agreement to deal with problems like tax reform, which we’ll have to resolve.”

His main ally and powerful backroom partner Ichiro Ozawa, co-leaders of the Shinseito, or Renewal Party, wanted the coalition to agree to increase the 10 percent value-added tax to fund proposed social security tax cuts and set aside funds to support an aging society.

At first the Socialists balked at raising the tax. They had fought unsuccessfully to kill it in 1997, but they relented and demanded the coalition first to seek a “national understanding” before raising the tax. When the conservatives finally accepted the plan, the Socialists insisted the coalition document name China, along with the United States and South Korea, as a country that must consult in the event of a worsening of relations with Pyongyang’s suspected nuclear arm.

Cambridge girl, 11, thwarts alleged abduction attempt

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"He asked me if I was busy today and said if I got in his car, he would give me some money," the girl said later. "He kept saying, 'Come on, I'm for real. Come on.'"

The girl said she noticed the stranger driving up and down her street as she watched from the porch of her home. As she fed her dogs, she saw him park his red car and walk up the block toward her.

The girl said he asked if she knew someone called Sheila.

She said she answered, "No," before rushing inside.

Tsegaye, his head and face shrouded by his jacket, pleaded not guilty to a charge of attempted kidnapping at his arraignment in District Court yesterday afternoon. The case was continued to May 2 for a pretrial conference. Police said Tsegaye, a native of Ethiopia, had no prior criminal record.

Officer Frank Pasquarello, spokesman for Cambridge police, said the girl, whom police declined to identify, "did a tremendous job of remaining calm," though he said she was a little shaken up after the fact.

Pasquarello and the girl credited her alertness to lessons she had learned from the Drug Abuse Resistance Education program, or DARE, which has been taught in Cambridge schools the past three years. The

program includes the "Stranger Danger" training, in which students are taught how to deal with strangers in menacing situations, they said.

The girl's father said he was proud of his daughter.

"I'm very impressed that she took part in an effort to protect the kids and the community at large," he said.

Sgt. Leonard DiPietro, who coordinates the awareness program, also was impressed.

"She did exactly what she was taught to do," DiPietro said. "Officer George Donovan should be rewarded for what he does in the classrooms, teaching these children how to keep safe."

Pasquarello said Tsegaye's car was first spotted by Officer Joseph Wilson in North Cambridge, where police cruisers began their pursuit. Tsegaye's car was traveling at high speeds, police said.

Officer Mark Donohue arrested Tsegaye when the suspect pulled into the Porter Square Shopping Center, police said.

Pasquarello said the girl and her father identified Tsegaye as the man who had approached her. "This is not just the average misunderstanding," Pasquarello said.

At the arraignment, prosecutor James Takacs detailed the girl's account of what happened after she noticed the red car.

"First he asked her if she knew someone he was looking for," Takacs told the court. "Then he asked her, 'What are you doing this afternoon?' And then he told her, 'I will give you money if you come with me.'"

Takacs said there was a witness to Tsegaye's alleged comment, "What are you doing this afternoon?"

Takacs said that after the girl fled, her father came out of the house and told Tsegaye he was going to call police. Tsegaye told the father to go ahead and call police, Takacs said.

Judge Arthur Sherman ordered personal surety of \$50,000, or cash bail of \$5,000, and warned Tsegaye that he could be deported to Ethiopia if he was found guilty. As of late yesterday, a spokesman for the Middlesex County Jail said Tsegaye had not posted bail.

In arguing for lower bail, Jo Ann Stringer, Tsegaye's court-appointed attorney, told the court that Tsegaye had roots in the community, and that he had worked for several years in Wellesley as a computer engineer.

She said that Tsegaye's parents are still in Ethiopia, that he lives with a sister in Somerville, and that he has several other siblings in the Boston area.

Free-lance writer Pamela Ferdinand contributed to this report.

Slaying of motel clerk leave

By Caroline Louise Cole
SPECIAL TO THE GLOBE

LAWRENCE — The killing of a motel night clerk here early Thursday morning, allegedly by a suspect who local police say has a criminal record, has made residents and workers angry and fearful.

"I'm scared, and I don't mind saying so," said Joe Demers, a cashier at the 7-Eleven convenience store in front of the Hampton Inn, where Randy Cote, 27, was discovered stabbed to death.

Police say documents in Room 216, where Cote's body was found, link the murder to Gary L. Scott, 40. Scott also is charged by Rhode Island police with the murder and robbery of his blind stepfather,

Omer N. LeBelle, three weeks ago in Pawtucket. Police say Scott had been hiding at the motel off Interstate 495 for 11 days under the assumed name of William Sanft, but they do not believe robbery was the motive for the second murder.

Lawrence Police Lt. Michael Molchan said his department is getting a lot of calls on the case but has no solid leads on Scott's whereabouts. Police believe Scott fled the area in a black Lincoln Continental and that he is armed and dangerous.

Scott's former employer at Standard Building and Maintenance, Joe Viel, said he is concerned for his livelihood because several clients have threatened to cancel their contracts after learning he had employed a known criminal.

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JOE DEMERS

"Here I am trying and my whole business said. 'The state police me he had a record violent crimes. The think I should have

UMass professors express shock at ouster of 3 top administrators

ASSOCIATED PRESS

AMHERST — Stunned professors said yesterday they have demanded that Chancellor David Scott explain his decision to oust three of his top five deputies at the main campus of the University of Massachusetts.

"The reaction on the campus has been one of shock," said Javier Cevallos, secretary of the faculty senate. "A lot of the faculty are walking around in disbelief."

"I don't think we have ever lost

university forward."

However, Cevallos said Scott told faculty leaders Thursday afternoon the administrators were removed "for a lot of personnel reasons he couldn't discuss in public."

"That was very, very surprising,"

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sponsible for most of the university's growth in industry and other research grants. Melley, who has worked in the university news office since 1961, has been in charge of public relations, alumni affairs and fund-raising since 1990.

Scott replaced Melley with Ronald Story. Story, who has been serving as an aide to university president Michael Hooker, is a former history professor on the Amherst campus. In February, he said he planned to return to the campus.

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C. Sullivan

Ordered Clerk to
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officer George Dmoch, and ~~officer~~ Police
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Consent Order #26
Triantafilon, Walsh
Councillor Sullivan re: Congratu-
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Order Adopted

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