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Seattle Police Kill Suspect In Officer Slayings, Those Believed To Have Rendered Assistance In Custody

By Gene Johnson
Associated Press Writer

(AP) — The man suspected of gunning down four police officers in a suburban coffee shop was shot and killed by a lone patrolman investigating a stolen car early Tuesday. Four people were arrested for allegedly helping the suspect elude authorities during a massive two-day manhunt.

Maurice Clemmons was carrying a handgun he took from one of the dead officers when a Seattle policeman recognized him near a stolen car in the Southend of Seattle at about 2:45 a.m., Assistant Police Chief Jim Pugel said.

The vehicle was running but unoccupied when the officer pulled up, radioed in the license plate number and realized the car was stolen, Pugel said.

The officer saw something moving, got out of his car, saw Clemmons and ordered him to show his hands and stop.

"He wouldn't stop," Pugel said. "The officer fired several rounds."

Clemmons also had sustained a serious gunshot wound from one of the four officers killed in the coffee-shop shooting.

Police planned to arrest more people who helped Clemmons.



A sheriff's deputy carries a rifle from a home where a suspect in the slaying of four police officers gunned down a day earlier was believed to have been on Monday in the Leschi neighborhood of Seattle. A heavily armed SWAT team stormed the home where they thought they had cornered the suspect in the slaying of four police officers in Lakewood, Wash., only to find out that he was not in the house. The suspect in the case, Maurice Clemmons, was killed by a lone patrolman investigating a stolen car early Tuesday morning. AP Photo/Elaine Thompson.

"We expect to have maybe six or seven people in custody by the day's end," said Ed Troyer, a spokesman for the Pierce County sheriff. "Some are friends, some are acquaintances, some are partners in crime, some are relatives. Now they're all partners in crime."

Three people were booked into the Pierce County Jail on Monday and early Tuesday for investigation of rendering criminal assistance on four counts of first-degree murder. They are Ricky Hinton, Eddie Lee Davis and Douglas Edward Davis. Troyer said a getaway driver also was arrested. That person's identity wasn't immediately known.

On Monday, officers detained a sister of Clemmons who they think treated the suspect's gunshot wound.

"We believe she drove him up to Seattle and bandaged him up," Troyer said.

Authorities say Clemmons, 37, singled out the Lakewood officers and spared employees and other customers at the coffee shop Sunday morning in Parkland, a Tacoma suburb about 35 miles south of Seattle. He then fled, but not before one of the dying officers apparently shot him in the torso.

"I'm surprised that he managed to get away," Troyer said. "The

officer did a good job in Lakewood."

Killed were Sgt. Mark Renninger, 39, and Officers Ronald Owens, 37, Tina Griswold, 40, and Greg Richards, 42.

The officer who shot Clemmons was not injured, Pugel said.

Police said they aren't sure what prompted Clemmons to shoot the four officers, who were in uniform and working on paperwork at the coffee shop just two blocks outside their jurisdiction.

"The only motive that we have is he decided he was going to go kill police officers," Troyer said. He said Clemmons talked the night before the shooting about killing a group of cops and watching the news.

Police believe Clemmons chose the coffee shop because it was frequented by police officers from various agencies.

"We do not believe that the Lakewood officers were actually targeted other than that they were police officers in that location at the time where he knew he could find police officers."

Police surrounded a house in a Seattle neighborhood late Sunday following a tip Clemmons had been dropped off there. After an all-night (Cont'd. On Page 2)

Police: Woods At Fault In Crash, Will Get Citation

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Tiger Woods will be cited for careless driving in a car crash outside his Orlando-area mansion, but will not face criminal charges, the Florida Highway Patrol said Tuesday.

Woods faces a \$164 fine and four points against his driver's license, not close to enough to have it suspended. The citation closes the investigation of last week's crash.

The patrol "is not pursuing criminal charges in this matter nor is there any testimony or other evidence to support any additional charges of any kind other than the charge of careless driving," Sgt. Kim Montes said.

According to an accident report, Woods crashed his SUV into a fire hydrant and a tree at 2:25 a.m. Friday. The airbags did not deploy and Woods' wife told Windermere police she used a golf club to smash the back windows to help him out.

Woods withdrew Monday from his own golf tournament, citing injuries from the crash.

Since the accident, tabloids and gossip Web sites have fueled speculation about the events leading up to it, including that there may have been a domestic dispute between Woods and his wife.

The crash came two days after The National Enquirer published a story alleging that Woods had been seeing a New York nightclub hostess, and that they recently were together in Melbourne, where Woods competed in the Australian Masters. The woman, Rachel Uchitel, denies the affair.

An attorney for the neighbors who dialed 911 after the crash said Woods did not

appear to be driving under the influence and showed no signs of having been in a fight. Montes said there were no claims of domestic violence and insufficient evidence to subpoena any medical information.

"Despite the celebrity status of Mr. Woods, the Florida Highway Patrol has completed its investigation in the same professional manner it strives to complete each traffic investigation," Montes said.

Bill Sharpe, an attorney for the neighbors, said Woods' injuries were "consistent with a car wreck and inconsistent with him being beat up. The scratches on his face were consistent with someone who maybe was in a minor car accident and hit his head on the windshield. ... None of his injuries looked like he was beat up by his wife."

Sharpe said neighbor Linda Adams and her two adult sons went outside their home in the exclusive gated community of Isleworth after hearing the crash and Woods' wife, Elin Nordegren, asked them to call the 911 emergency number.

He said the neighbors found Nordegren kneeling beside her husband, upset about his injuries. Sharpe said Woods appeared woozy and had scratches on his face and that his wife was trying to console him. The Adamses wrapped Woods in a blanket and made sure he didn't move.

Tabloid speculation has focused on whether Woods and his wife were fighting before the accident.

"One thing we want to make clear is that Mrs. Woods' attitude was consistent with her being concerned about her injured

husband," Sharpe said. "Mrs. Woods was trying to help him. Mrs. Woods was worried about her husband. She was concerned."

Sharpe said the Adams family did not see the crash and did not see Woods' wife with a golf club. He said he was hired to get the message out that the Adams family members have told investigators everything they know about the crash and aren't hiding anything.

By skipping his tournament, Woods will escape the TV cameras and a horde of media seeking more details. The tournament was to be the last of the year for Woods anyway, and he did not say when or where he would make his return next year.

When healthy, he has made his season debut at Torrey Pines every year since 2006. The San Diego Invitational this year is scheduled the week of Jan. 25. That could mean Woods avoids the media for 10 weeks.

Neighbors in the exclusive Isleworth community said Tuesday they did not know if Woods was home. There were no cars in his driveway as the highway patrol held its news conference, and there was little sign that any accident had taken place - the fire hydrant Woods struck had either been repaired or replaced. The grass was perfectly trimmed.

The complex's private security force patrolled the plush community in marked cars and golf carts, the primary source of transportation around Isleworth.

Associated Press Writer Antonio Gonzalez contributed to this report.

In Memory of Queen Esther G. Jordan

On Nov. 29, 2009, God called home sister Queen Esther Jordan.

Queen Esther was born in Orangeburg, South Carolina on Sept. 22, 1923 to the union of Benjamin and Carrie Green. She had 5 brothers and 8 sisters. She accepted Christ as her Lord and Savior at an early age and was baptized at Japanese Baptist Church in 1996 when she came to Seattle.

Esther spent many years in New York raising as a single parent her two children Venus and James. In her later years she moved to Florida and in 1996 she came to Seattle, WA to be with her daughter Venus Doyal. She lived at the Hill Top House for 8 years before moving to the Cannon House.

Esther's career was in Nursing at two major hospitals in New York and when she retired she opened a Senior Care Center in her home. Esther was involved in community work, mission and Evangelism all her adult life. She was a caring Mother, Grandmother and Great Grandmother.

She was a student of the bible and has taught many in Sunday school, Church work and her ongoing daily ministry to those in need. Esther spent her life helping others and attending to those that

Professor Adrien K. Wing To Speak At Human Rights Day Celebration

Professor Adrien K. Wing will speak at a free evening event to celebrate the 14th annual Seattle Human Rights Day on Thurs., Dec. 10 from 7-8:30 pm at Town Hall on 8th Avenue and Seneca.

As an expert in international human rights and social justice, Professor Adrien K. Wing has advised the founding fathers and mothers of three constitutions: South Africa, Palestine, and Rwanda. Professor Wing has



Queen Esther Jordan

needed her assistance. Most recently on Mother's Day she was elected Queen of Cannon House, a title she cherished dearly.

Truly, Esther was a servant of the Lord, bringing the spirit of a living God to all that came into her presence.

She leaves to cherish her memory, her children, Venus Doyal (Gecova Doyal) and James Newton, 7 grandchildren, 18 great

grandchildren, surviving bother Blease Green and sister, Bernice Jackson and a host of nieces and nephews, family and friends.

A viewing will be held on Mon., Dec. 7 from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Southwest Mortuary - 9021 Rainier Ave. S. in Seattle

Funeral Services will be held on Tues., Dec. 8 at 11:00 a.m. at Mt. Zion Baptist Church.

which was adopted December 10, 1948 — also will include presentation of the 2009 Human Rights Awards to local human rights leaders Joe Martin, Legal Voice, Pride Foundation, Comunida a Comunida and Garfield High School student Suk Lin Zhou.

For more information call the Seattle Office for Civil Rights at (206) 684-4500 or check the web at www.seattle.gov/civilrights/events.htm.

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