

LARRY P. POWELL, SR. APPOINTED FIRE MARSHAL

Effective April 30, Larry P. Powell, Sr. was appointed by Acting Fire Chief George Judd to the position of Fire Marshal. Powell has been with the department since Dec. 2, 1963, when he began his career as a firefighter. In 1966 he was promoted to Fire Inspector; his next promotion was in July of 1973 to the position of Liaison Officer.

The forty-five (45) year old Powell becomes the first black fireman to achieve the grade of Battalion Chief. "We are very proud of the accomplishments of this fellow member," states Dave Washington, President of the Professional Black Firefighters of Las Vegas. "To use an old cliché, Powell has paid his dues. The promotion could not have happened to a more deserving person.

"One of the goals of our organization is to get a black officer elevated to a high-level policy making position; we are quite pleased with this achievement," says Washington. "Powell has the experience and background necessary to give the type of leadership

Women fight over male, one dead

One woman was stabbed to death and another was arrested on an open murder charge Thursday after the two allegedly argued over a man, police said.

Killed was Emma Cranford, 19, of 1216 Reed Place.

Metro homicide Sgt. Ted Rosen said Cassandra Hines, 21, of 816 Reed Place, was booked into jail on an open murder charge after Cranford was stabbed numerous times.

He said the stabbing occurred about 4:06 a.m. at 1001 W. McWilliams, where both women were attending a party.

According to witnesses, the women got into a fight over a mutual male friend, Rosen said.

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that is needed by the Bureau. He will function in a manner that the entire community, particularly the black community, can be proud of. More than a dozen personnel will be under his supervision."



Larry P. Powell, Sr.

The Professional Black Firefighters of Las Vegas expressed their pride in Powell's accomplishment and wished him good luck in his new position.

For more information, contact David L. Washington at 386-6444 or 648-6723.

A young mother of two was apparently slain with her own shotgun in her North Las Vegas apartment Thursday. Police said they are questioning her estranged husband but no arrests have been made, according to a Las Vegas Sun report.

The woman was identified as Paddy Merrill, 26. She was a secretary in the office of a Las Vegas insurance firm.

Police said they were called at noon to Merrill's apartment, 2409 Belmont St., by her husband, William Coughenour, 33, who said he had found her body in her bedroom.

Coughenour said he went to the apartment because Merrill's co-workers had called him to check on her when she failed to appear for work Thursday.

Police said they were able to verify his reason for being there by speaking with Merrill's co-workers, but were nevertheless questioning him

at length.

They quoted him as saying he found his estranged wife's front door closed but unlocked. He entered and discovered her dead, he said.

The woman's two sons, age 10 and 7, had been dressed and sent to school by her earlier Thursday with no indication of trouble, according to police.

The children, without being told what had happened, were at first taken from school to Child Haven. They were later

Court rejects Ray's claim

CINCINNATI—A federal appeals court has rejected James Earl Ray's claim that Tennessee authorities violated his constitutional rights by denying him a hearing on his request to be pardoned for the 1968 assassination of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

Gene Collins Gets Probation

Democratic Assemblyman Gene Collins was placed on five years probation Monday by U.S. District Judge Roger Foley for his con-



viction on charges of failing to file tax returns for 1979 and 1980. The freshman assemblyman has announced his bid for re-election in District 6.

placed with their maternal grandparents who live two blocks away, police said.

The children were Merrill's from a former marriage. She had been married to Coughenour less than a year until their recent separation, police said.

There was evidence of a violent struggle in the apartment, police said.

NAACP Membership Meeting Set May 13

The general membership meeting of the NAACP will be held Sunday, May 13 at 4 p.m. at 1500A North Main St. Members and prospective members are encouraged to attend.

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