

Black teen charged with hate crime

CINCINNATI (AP) - A black teen-ager accused of pulling a white driver from his truck and beating him during the city's rioting over the fatal police shooting of an unarmed black man was charged with a hate crime last week.

The charge of ethnic intimidation, Ohio's equivalent of a hate crime, was filed in county court against the 15-year-old boy, whose name was not released because of

his age.

The boy also was charged with abducting trucker Robert Stearns on April 10 and with robbery and aggravated rioting in an attack on a hot dog vendor.

Police allege the boy attacked the white trucker because of his race.

Prosecutors said they would ask a judge to try the boy as an adult. Under Ohio law, he could be held only until he is 21 if convicted as a

juvenile.

If convicted as an adult, he could face up to 28 1/2 years in prison.

A 14-year-old boy also was charged Wednesday with aggravated rioting and robbery in the attacks on the truck driver and another hot dog vendor.

He was 13 at the time; under Ohio law, offenders must be at least 14 for consideration in adult court.

Film of the truck driver's

beating was televised during the rioting that followed a white police officer's fatal shooting of Timothy Thomas, 19, on April 7.

The shooting sparked three nights of rioting in the city's worst racial violence since the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s assassination in 1968. Dozens of people were injured and more than 800 were arrested.

Sixty-three people have been indicted in the rioting.

Pa. Legislators seek probe of hate death

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) - A group of black state legislators is seeking a federal civil rights investigation of the murder of a young black woman by a white mob during a 1969 race riot in York.

State Rep. LeAnna M. Washington, chairwoman of the Pennsylvania Legislative Black Caucus, sent a letter last Wednesday to acting U.S. Attorney Martin C. Carlson describing the July 1969 murder of Lillie Belle Allen as a hate crime and requesting a federal probe.

Carlson said Thursday he had not received the letter

and could not comment on any matter "that we may or may not be monitoring or investigating."

Allen, 27, of Aiken, S.C., was gunned down when her sister's car strayed into turf controlled by an armed white gang after rioting broke out in the city. A white city police officer, Henry C. Schaad, also was fatally shot during the disturbances.

Both murders are being reinvestigated by county prosecutors. So far, nine white men, including York Mayor Charlie Robertson, have been charged in Allen's

murder.

In the letter sent on behalf of the caucus' 19 members, Washington wrote that the case must be resolved "because of the message it sends regarding how seriously we, as a state and nation, take such atrocities."

York County District Attorney H. Stanley Rebert has said federal prosecutors and the state Attorney General's office determined they do not have jurisdiction over the cases.

Asked about Rebert's statement, Carlson said Thursday: "I had no quarrel

with the observations."

Under federal law, the statute of limitations for crimes not punishable by the death penalty runs five years. The death penalty was not added as a punishment for a federal civil rights crime resulting in death until 1994.

Robertson, 67, who was a city police officer during the riots, is accused of handing out bullets to some of the men who fired at Allen's car.

Robertson quit his campaign for a third mayoral term after his arrest and has denied involvement in Allen's murder.

Changes recommended for Detroit police

DETROIT (AP) - A civilian panel appointed by the police chief says the Detroit Police Department is "broken and needs to be fixed" with higher pay and better training for officers on when to use lethal force.

In a 25-page report released Wednesday, the 12 community members and activists blamed "inadequate training of officers, a lack of material resources, lack of accountability and a shortage of personnel."

The panel was appointed last fall by Police Chief Benny Napoleon after a string of deadly police shootings of civilians. The U.S. Justice Department is investigating those shootings, questionable treatment of inmates and wholesale arrests of homicide witnesses.

Napoleon announced his retirement last week. He insisted that he wasn't rattled

by criticism aimed at the department.

"We have now come to a fork in the road to either take the path that leads to healing, or the path that leads to the further deterioration of an effective department," said the Rev. Wendell Anthony, chief of the Detroit NAACP and the panel's chairman.

Anthony did not estimate how much it would cost to implement the recommendations, which include hiring more city residents and minorities with military backgrounds, and using more non-lethal weapons.

The report also suggested establishing a program to identify officers who have problems with proper use of force.

Marty Bandemer, president of the Detroit Police Officers Association, said the union had been discussing similar proposals.

"But they have told us, 'Hey, we don't have the money,'" he said. "I'm glad somebody else is now stepping up."

Mayor Dennis Archer, who was in New York Wednesday, planned to read

the report when he returned to Detroit, spokeswoman Michelle Zdrodowski said.

"He will look at these suggestions and give them considerable thought," then decide which to implement based on funding, she said.

Bush twins suspected of trying to buy liquor

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Less than three weeks after pleading no contest to charges of underage drinking, President Bush's 19-year-old daughter Jenna is suspected of illegally trying to buy alcohol at a restaurant using someone else's identification.

Police spokesman Kevin Buchman said officers were told Jenna Bush tried to buy drinks but wasn't served.

Her twin sister, Barbara, was also present but didn't show any identification, officials said.

"As no offense was witnessed by APD officers, following routine procedures, further investigation is required to determine if any charges will be filed," a police statement said.

The judge who ordered Jenna Bush to take alcohol counseling and perform community service in deferring the earlier charge said Wednesday she would await the outcome of the investigation.

The earlier punishment could be revoked and authorities might seek a conviction if Jenna Bush is ticketed, said prosecutor John Wall.

Jenna Bush's attorney, William P. Allison, declined to comment.

Police responded to a 911 call last Tuesday evening from the manager of Chuy's restaurant who said minors were trying to buy alcohol.

"In this instance, I think they recognized who they were, which may have prompted the call," said Capt. David Ball of the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission, which is investigating the incident along with Austin police.

Police would not say where the daughters' Secret Service agents were at the time. The Secret Service wouldn't comment on it.

White House spokesman Scott McClellan also declined comment, saying: "If it involves the daughters in their private lives, it is a family matter."

Details about who was with the president's daughters Tuesday were sketchy, said Sgt. Randy Motz of the Alcoholic Beverage Commission. He said there were at least five people.

Jenna Bush's earlier no contest plea stemmed from a ticket police issued while checking for minors in possession of alcohol at nightclubs April 27.

Jenna Bush is a student at the University of Texas at Austin; Barbara Bush attends Yale University.

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Sister Anita Baird, director of the archdiocese's Office of Racial Reconciliation, said she hoped to meet with both sides and find a resolution.

The Rev. William Quinn, pastor of St. Louis de Montfort parish in Oak Lawn, said his parish was among the 11 that voted against having St. Sabina's in the league. "They are my parishioners," Quinn said. "Their concerns are legitimate."

But St. Sabina coach Chris Mallette said their fear is unfounded.

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