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Superseding indictment identifies Homer Lee Jackson, 59, as the suspect in a fifth homicide

Today, Multnomah County District Attorney Rod Underhill announced the filing of a superseding indictment against 59-year-old Homer Lee Jackson. The indictment alleges Jackson is responsible for the 1993 death of 29-year-old Lawauna Triplet.

In October 2015, a Multnomah County grand jury indicted Jackson for intentionally killing Essie Jackson, Tonya Harry, Angela Anderson and Latanga Watts.

The superseding May 24, 2019 indictment identifies Tonya Harry, Angela Anderson, Latanga Watts and Lawauna Triplet as victims in this ongoing investigation.

All counts involving Essie Jackson have been dismissed. Although Ms. Jackson's case is not being prosecuted by the Multnomah County District Attorney's Office at this time, Homer Lee Jackson continues to be a suspect in her death.

The 15-count superseding indictment alleges various legal theories of the aggravated murders of Ms. Triplet, Ms. Harry, Ms. Anderson and Ms. Watts.

The body of Ms. Triplet was located on June 15, 1993 near the intersection of North Going and North Concord near the pedestrian overpass. As detectives reviewed the scene, it appeared that her body had been discarded at that location in an attempt to conceal its presence, according to information previously released by the Portland Police Bureau.

Ms. Triplet was last seen alive walking along Northeast Alberta Street at approximately 1:30 a.m. on June 15, 1993. She was an African American victim of sex trafficking, according to the Portland Police Bureau.

The Oregon State Medical Examiner's Office determined that Ms. Triplet died of abdominal injuries and strangulation.

On May 28, 2019, Multnomah County Circuit Court Judge Michael A. Greenlick arraigned Jackson on the superseding indictment.

The following is a summary, based court documents, of the previous four homicides Jackson is believed to have committed:

- On March 23, 1983, the body of 23-year-old Essie Jackson, who has no relationship to the defendant, was located at Overlook Park in Portland, Oregon. Ms. Jackson was an African American female who was the victim of sex trafficking. Ms. Jackson's cause of death was determined to be asphyxiation by strangulation. (Note: At this time, the State is no longer proceeding on this case.)
- On July 9, 1983, the body of 19-year-old Tonya Harry was located partially submerged in the slough that bordered West Delta Park between the Portland International Raceway and the Heron Lakes Golf Club in Portland. Ms. Harry was also an African American female victim of sex trafficking. Ms. Harry was strangled with a ligature and died of traumatic asphyxia.
- On September 22, 1983, the body of 14-year-old Angela Anderson was located in the 400 block of Northeast Going Street in Portland. Ms. Anderson was an African American victim of sex trafficking. The Oregon State Medical Examiner's Office determined Ms. Anderson's cause of death was ligature asphyxiation.
- On March 18, 1987, the body of 27-year-old Latanga Watts was discovered in an empty lot at North Concord Avenue and North Going Court in Portland near the pedestrian overpass. Like the other three victims, Ms. Watts was an African American victim of sex trafficking. The Oregon State Medical Examiner's Office determined that Ms. Watts was killed by manual strangulation.

This remains an ongoing investigation and as such, no additional information can be released at this time with regard to the death of Ms. Triplet or any of the other four homicide investigations.

This case is being investigated by the Portland Police Bureau Cold Case Homicide Unit.

The Multnomah County District Attorney's Office has a close partnership with the Portland Police Bureau Cold Case Homicide Unit and the Oregon State Police Crime Lab to investigate unsolved homicides that have occurred in the City of Portland.

Information about many of the unsolved homicides in the City of Portland can be viewed by clicking [here](#).

The Portland Police Bureau Cold Case Homicide Unit's slogan is: "We don't give up. We never give up."

An indictment is only an accusation of a crime. Jackson is innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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