

The Rockies Brink's robbery suspect linked to Berg slaying

Associated Press
DENVER — The FBI has arrested a man in New Mexico sought in the \$16 million Brink's armored car robbery in California, and they say the suspect's brother is wanted for questioning in the murder of Denver talk-show host Alan Berg.

The Rocky Mountain News also reported Thursday that police have identified a fourth man they want to question in connection with Berg's slaying.

Richard Joseph Sciarra, the two brothers — Gregory and Bruce — and Sciarra, too, have been linked by authorities to the underfunded neo-Nazi group known as Aryan Nations. Police along the group attempted to finance its white supremacist activities with robberies in the Pacific Northwest.

With the arrest of Gregory Pierre in Belen, N.M. last Friday, 20 peo-

ple in new states have been charged in connection with a massive federal investigation of neo-Nazi activities centered in the Pacific Northwest.

Joe Carlson, FBI agent in charge in Albuquerque, N.M., said Gregory Pierre, 36, of Mesquite, Mont., was arrested after two men tried to reclaim two cars from a storage facility. Authorities believe the second man was Bruce Pierre but when FBI agents arrived at the storage facility a short time later, the second man was gone. A search failed to turn up a trace of him, said Carlson.

According to an affidavit filed by the FBI, the cars were left there Dec. 11, 1984, by two "known members of the Aryan Nations," and the FBI had staked out the facility in hopes of questioning their owners.

Gregory Pierre was being held without bail in the Bernalillo County Detention Center in Albuquerque on charges of giving false statements and possessing false identification.

On Monday, a complaint was filed in federal court in San Francisco charging him as an accessory after the fact in the armored car robbery in Ukiah, Calif., last July 18.

Bruce Pierre also is named in complaints filed in connection with that robbery.

The Rocky Mountain News reported that federal and Denver authorities want to question Bruce Pierre, Sciarra and David M. Lane about the Berg killing. Officials said Robert Matthews was another man they wanted to question, but Matthews was killed Dec. 8 in a 30-hour standoff with FBI agents on Whidbey Island near Seattle.

Another member of Aryan Nations, the Order of the Storm, Larry L. L. L., has been questioned by Denver police about Berg's execution-style slaying.



Bus drivers want new contract
Members of the Amalgamated Transit Union set up informational pickets outside the headquarters of the Regional Transportation District in Denver Thursday. The drivers say the negotiations for their new contract are going too slowly. The old contract expired at midnight. RTD provides bus service to Denver and the surrounding area.

Armstrong opposes Hart draft bill

Associated Press
DENVER — Sen. William Armstrong, R-Colo., says Sen. Gary Hart's proposal for a general draft with a non-military option amounts to "voluntary service."

Armstrong, responding to a question Thursday during a news conference in Washington, said he strongly opposes his Democratic colleague's idea. Hart's bill would

lead to a mandatory national service for young people — in the military or in domestic service jobs. The measure would set up a study commission to examine the bill.

"To even think about drafting people for non-military purposes is contrary to this country's tradition," Armstrong said. "That is voluntary service for heaven's sake."

Mandatory service would mean "a bunch of congressmen or somebody in Washington tells people what they ought to do with their lives," said Armstrong, who is Colorado's junior senator.

Hart and Rep. Robert Torricelli, D-N.J., introduced on Wednesday the bill calling for a panel to study "national service opportunities." They said they prefer a mandatory program with penalties for non-compliance.

EPA tells firms they must pay to clean up toxins

Associated Press
DENVER — The Environmental Protection Agency is notifying 224 former users of the Love Canal that they will have to pay the tab for cleaning up poisonous wastes at the landfill. A bill expected to cost \$30 million.

State and federal health officials say chemicals from wastes dumped at the landfill southeast of Aurora have seeped into groundwater. The groundwater is used for stock watering and irrigation.

When landfill users dumped the wastes there it was legal. But when the federal Superfund program was enacted in 1980 to clean up hazardous waste nationwide, dumpers became liable for cleanup costs.

"By this letter, EPA notifies you of your potential liability, and encourages you to join in the efforts to voluntarily undertake an EPA-directed cleanup," Regional Administrator John Welles said in the letter.

Under Superfund the EPA can pay for the cleanup in one of two ways. Former dumpers can contribute voluntarily to a cleanup fund or the agency can spend federal money, plus 50 percent in matching funds from the state, then sue the dumpers to recover the costs.

Wire check

Castle Rock
ACLU seeks client in book ban case

The Colorado chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union is advertising for a client concerned about a school board's move to restrict access to two books about a boy who defies authority.

"We look for clients only in very rare cases where the issues are fundamental," said David Miller, ACLU staff counsel.

Elementary school children must have parental permission to read "Albert Herber Hawkins — The Naughtiest Boy in the World," and "Albert Herber Hawkins and the Super Robot," both by British author Frank Dickens.

Brighton

Car dealer killed by crash into ditch
Mark Bettman, the owner of Brighton Chevrolet Oldsmobile in Brighton, has been killed in a traffic accident on Brighton Blvd. according to the Colorado State Patrol.

Bettman, 32, was killed Tuesday night when his car ran into a ditch and hit a power pole, the patrol reported. He was returning to his Thornton home from a business meeting at the time.

Canon City

Damaged bridge to be demolished
A highway bridge over the Arkansas River 30 miles west of here will be blown up today in a temporary structure can be built and U.S. 50 can reopen by mid-March, the Colorado Highway Department says.

The bridge is an important link in the busiest highway across southern Colorado. It was closed Feb. 4 after a truck loaded with 12 tons of soybeans crashed on the bridge and caused major structural damage.

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