

The Rockies Police may query Berg suspect

Associated Press
DENVER — Police in Denver say they have decided whether to send officers to North Carolina to question one-man David Lane in the machine-gunning slaying last June of Alan Berg, a radio talk show host.

Lane was arrested Saturday at a Winston-Salem, N.C., shopping center with two other men.

Police Chief Doug White said the Denver department could decide today whether to send someone to North Carolina.

"We're still looking it develop. White said. The problem is going through the facts on this. They may not be in a position to help us."

"We consider him Lane a suspect because we're not 100 percent convinced that he has no knowledge of the Berg killing and that he wasn't in Denver when it happened."

FBI agents arrested Lane, a self-avowed white supremacist and former Denver resident, and the other men without incident.

Lane was being held in the Fort Worth County Jail under a Federal warrant issued Jan. 20 in Philadelphia, Pa., charging him with con-



David Lane

spiring \$10 bills there. He is scheduled to appear before a federal magistrate this morning in Winston-Salem, according to FBI agent Robert Pence. Pence, who is

based in Greensboro, N.C., said the magistrate could set bond for Lane and release him.

Pence said federal authorities are considering charges against the two men arrested with Lane.

"We're looking at whether they can be charged with harboring a fugitive," Pence said. They are self-admitted associates or supporters of the (KK) Klan. They told the arresting agents they believed Lane was just another "patriotic American brother."

Pence said agents found automatic handguns and rifles, about 2,000 rounds of ammunition, an unopened "large amount" of cash, knives, binoculars, radio scanners, and down coats, maps, and "a quantity" of "drugs" in Lane's truck.

FBI agents reportedly trailed Lane, who lived on a farm in Virginia for the last month, after the arrest Tuesday of 30-year-old Bruce Campbell Foy in Knoxville, Ga.

One FBI agent said a preliminary Southern Bell search of that rural Virginia house reportedly turned up one of the men parked up with Lane, uncovered more weapons, ammunition and paramilitary ar-

Pence said a more extensive search may be made today.

Lane, David F. Berry, formally charged in Berg's killing. However, Denver police believe the men have belonged to a four-man hit squad that shot the controversial talk show host to death in the driveway of his home last June 18.

Berg, a Jew, often argued with neo-Nazi members, including Lane, on his call-in show.

Last August, Lane wrote to Denver reporters denying he had participated in Berg's killing, which authorities have theorized was part of a bizarre initiation rite into the Order, a violent right-wing revolutionary group suspected in several armed robberies throughout the west.

Denver District Attorney Norman Early said Sunday that a Seattle, Wash., grand jury also is looking into allegations that Lane has been involved in other terrorist activities.

Denver police said Sunday that Lane had several out-of-air confrontations with Berg, several months before the talk-show host was killed.

Wire check

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Quake shakes Helena, Mont., area

An earthquake shook the mountain northwest of Helena, Mont., near the Continental Divide at 2:13 a.m. today, officials of the National Earthquake Information Center said.

The center of the quake, which registered 4.6 on the Richter scale, was in a sparsely populated area 70 miles northwest of Helena, said seismologists. They work at the information center operated by the U.S. Geological Survey. No damage was reported.

The quake was felt within a radius of about 100 miles, in Great Falls, Kalispell, Missoula and Helena, a spokesman at the center said.

The Richter scale is a measure of ground motion as recorded on seismographs. Every increase of one number means a tenfold increase in magnitude. Thus a reading of 7.5 reflects an earthquake 10 times stronger than one of 6.5.

Hot Sulphur Springs

Bus accident on slick road injures 20

Twenty people were hurt in the wreck of a Trailways bus Sunday. It slipped down a 12-foot embankment on a snow-packed U.S. 40 at the western city limits of Hot Sulphur Springs.

The bus went out of control on the washdown, snow-piled stretch of mountain road and slid down the embankment at 4:15 a.m., Grand County deputies said.

Six of the injured passengers were hospitalized, including one at Denver. Ten are remaining and three at Grand.

Missy Simpson, 6, of Northglenn, was listed in fair condition at St. Anthony Hospital in Denver. Rylee and Faunina Carter, husband and wife, of Sacramento, Calif., were in stable condition at Kerming Memorial Hospital. Hospital spokesmen withheld the names and conditions of those admitted to St. Anthony Emergency Medical Center in Grand.

The accident occurred during the sixth consecutive day of heavy snowfall in Colorado's high country.

Denver

Colorado MS rate among highest

Colorado has one of the highest rates of multiple sclerosis cases in the nation. The number of people stricken by the crippling disease is "significantly higher" than previously was thought, researchers say.

That does not mean MS occurs in Colorado in epidemic proportions, however, said a spokeswoman for the Rocky Mountain Multiple Sclerosis Center.

According to a study the center will publish this spring, the number of MS cases in Colorado is about 60 per 100,000 people — 44 percent higher than the national rate of 50 cases per 100,000 people.

The newest numbers make the number of cases in Colorado roughly equal to the highest amount found in this country — in Rochester, Minn., and in Seattle.

Denver is in a "high-risk" tier that runs across the United States at the 40th parallel, which cuts through the state just north of Colorado, Nelson said.

Acid rain Researchers hope computers speed solutions

Associated Press
BOULDER — Using computers to simulate weather patterns and the chemical actions of pollutants, researchers at the National Center for Atmospheric Research hope to

speed solutions to the nation's growing acid rain problem.

Acid rain effects occur when pollutants like sulfur combine in the atmosphere to form acid that pours down lakes and streams and stains vegetation. The effects have been documented extensively in the Adirondacks and elsewhere in North America.

Scandinavia has been tracking effects since the 1960s, Canada calls it a major environmental issue.

The Canadian blame U.S. emissions from the upper Midwest for much of the damage carried on the winds into their country, but representatives of U.S. industries — particularly utilities that burn high-sulfur coal to produce power in the Midwest — argue that more information is needed before costly new regulations are adopted.

The March 6, Canada unveiled a plan to slash the air emissions that contribute to acid rain by 50 percent over the next nine years. Last week, President Reagan and Canadian Prime Minister Brian Mulroney announced that a team of special envoys would study the issue.

People conducting the computer study at NCAR hope to simulate the show over the U.S. and Canada with a computer model by 1987 and to find ways to predict how air pollutants spread under various weather conditions.

In its first stage, the model will deal only with eastern North America, where acid rain damage is acknowledged to be highest. Later, it will be expanded to include all of Canada and the U.S. The \$5 million project is supported mainly by the Environmental Protection Agency, with help from the National Science Foundation.

As with any computer project, however, the results will be only as good as the data fed into it.

Damage hits Western lakes

Associated Press
CRESTED BUTTE — A remote lake near Crested Butte turned acidic last summer the first time such a transformation has been discovered in Colorado, a California researcher says.

The second lake temporarily turned acidic is Sequoia National Park in California, said John Harte, a University of California Berkeley professor. He is monitoring a handful of unexamined Colorado lakes for acidity.

Other research has charged some temporary changes before lakes "died" of acid overload. Harte noted.

The lake acidity has since been neutralized, Harte said.

While few Colorado lakes are under intensive study, they might have similar problems, said Robert Yalowsky, an attorney from Boulder working for the Environmental Defense Fund.

Fish and other lake-dwellers die when water becomes too acidic.

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