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Vallejo Okays Protection For Two Shooting Victims

VALLEJO — Twenty-four-hour police protection was deemed absolutely necessary in order to protect the lives of shooting victims Dennis Tapp and Michael Renault Mageau has been approved by the Vallejo City Council.

The action includes a budget transfer of \$4,180 to cover police reserve protection while the victims have been confined in Kaiser Hospital. Mageau, 19, shot in the "cipher" killing of Darlene E. Ferrin, 22, at Blue Rock Springs July 4, left the hospital Aug. 6.

Release Expected

Tapp, 26, shot twice in a service station robbery June 3, is expected to be released in a few weeks, according to Police Chief Jack E. Stiltz.

Both of the victims were shot by persons who killed another in the incidents. Suspects have been charged in the Tapp case and a Mageau case.

Stiltz said the protection was absolutely necessary for the witnesses since "there is a good possibility of both Tapp and Mageau, as well as doctors, nurses and others attending them, being killed by the suspect at large or by associates of the accused."

Escape Attempt

The police chief also noted that since the suspects in the Tapp case have been in jail awaiting trial, there has been an escape attempt made with the use of tire irons and hacksaw blades supplied from outside.

He also mentioned that on Aug. 7 an anonymous letter was received which officials believe was written by an associate who indicated he was going to "take care" of those who talked to authorities and stated that "Dennis Tapp is a liar." Because of this, Stiltz said, "There is a greater fear that an attempt to do away with Tapp is possible."

He continued, "Both the district attorney and I feel that there isn't anything that any one of the associates of the accused and the subject at large in the Mageau case wouldn't do to 'rub out' Tapp and Mageau or anyone else standing in their way in order to eliminate them from being able to testify."

The four suspects in the Tapp case are David Magris, 21, Michael J. Schwerdtfeger, 22, Mathew Francis Donohue, 20, all of Vallejo, and Robert Sheridan Donohue of Fair Oaks.

Indians File Suit On Homes

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Twenty Yurok Indians left homeless by Klamath River floods of 1964-65 filed suit for damages and correction of what they claim is inadequate new housing and water and sewer systems.

Among grievances cited in the petition, the Indians said homes in one village were built with all-electric appliances even though there is no electricity within 20 miles.

The suit, filed Friday in U.S. District Court, claims some of the new homes are falling apart, and the mobile homes other Indians were induced to accept turned out to be of "poor quality."

The Indians claim the government spent \$500,000 on a Hoopa reservation water and sewage system which provides no water in summer and contaminated water in winter.

Defendants named include Town and County Trailer Sales of Humboldt County, Magnolia Mobile Homes, Brock Construction Co., Secretary of Interior Walter Hickel, Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare Robert Finch and numerous other federal officials.

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City Auction Is Scheduled In Roseville

ROSEVILLE — Aldo Pineschi, city purchasing officer, has announced an auction of surplus property will be at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday on the City Hall parking lot.

Pineschi said the list of items up for auction includes automotive and electrical accessories, bicycles, watches, radios and televisions, luggage, tools and jewelry.

All items auctioned must be paid for in cash and removed from the auction area immediately. The items will be available for inspection in the parking lot between 8 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. Tuesday.

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