

Man questioned for robbery, abduction

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HOUSTON — A 28-year-old man charged with the Jan. 3 aggravated robbery of a grocery store was arrested again Wednesday for questioning in a second robbery at the store in which the manager was shot to death, police said.

Houston Robbery Lt. Don

McWilliams said the suspect, Bobby Wayne Bartoo, was being questioned in the robbery-abduction of Terry Oringerdoff from the Cashsaver Warehouse Foods store in north Houston.

The body of Oringerdoff, 32, was found on an isolated road in Harris County Monday about seven hours after a masked gun-

man abducted him from the store.

"We have a person in jail and charged with the first robbery Jan. 3. Naturally, he would be a suspect to the second robbery-abduction. But at this point we have not connected him with the robbery-abduction," McWilliams said.

Bartoo is the brother of a

woman who was a friend of Oringerdoff's.

Oringerdoff had told employees of the store that the kidnapper had strapped six pounds of explosives to his back, but none was found on Oringerdoff's body.

An autopsy revealed Oringerdoff, who had been blindfolded with a diaper, was shot seven

times in the back, face, left ear and left hand.

However, examiners ruled Oringerdoff died from the three gunshot wounds in his back.

Detectives said the gunman apparently forced his way into Oringerdoff's apartment Sunday night and held him hostage until Monday morning, when he forced Oringerdoff to drive him

to the grocery store he managed.

The gunman robbed the store's safes, reportedly getting \$20,000, and each of seven employees as they arrived at work.

He locked the employees and two deliverymen in a cooler. They were later freed by another deliverman.

Gathering to fight murderer

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MONROE, La. — More than 75 police officers gathered Wednesday to swap notes on a cross-country death spree of two admitted mass killers and send a message to criminals: "we're coming after them."

The officers want to determine whether Henry Lee Lucas or Otis Elwood Toole carried to unsolved murders their areas.

Toole and Lucas have been charged in the slaying of a Northeast Louisiana University student, and Toole has been accused of killing an Iowa, La., man near Lake Charles and a teenager near Monroe.

Both men remain suspected in numerous unsolved slayings, and officers hope to gain needed evidence to file charges against them. Monroe Sheriff Willie Buffington said Lucas and Toole "humanize their lowest form."

The officers also planned to compare notes on at least other men believed responsible for slayings in several states.

"Law enforcement is getting together to fight the criminal element," Ouachita Parish Sheriff Laymon Godwin said. "It is obvious we have to get together and spread our knowledge in our criminal cases to catch the criminal element."

"By you being here today sends the message loud and clear to the criminals that we're coming after them," Godwin said.

More than 100 officers from 22 states were expected at a three-day conference, but day attendance was limited by stormy weather.

Officers from across the state also gathered in Monroe last October to compare notes on Lucas and Toole. They questioned the second conference at the time.

Lucas, a one-eyed convict convicted of killing his mother and Toole, a convicted slayer, have detailed for police slayings they committed both alone and together.

Lucas has admitted slayings, and has been charged with seven Texas killings, one in Louisiana.

Global project needs resources

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WASHINGTON — The U.S. Information Agency needs more people, money and power to meet the Soviets in a global "war of ideas," an advisory committee reported Wednesday.

In its annual report to the president, the U.S. Advisory Commission on Public Policy said the United States needs to update equipment and add staff to counter the international wave of "disinformation" coming from Moscow.

As a first step, it recommended that the USIA director

be made a statutory adviser to the National Security Council and that the director be given more power as the principal adviser to the president on foreign public opinion and public diplomacy.

The report, submitted to President Reagan, Congress, Secretary of State George Shultz and USIA Director Charles Wick, also said the agency's \$660 million 1984 fiscal budget is insufficient for its global information-dispensing mission.

"Measured in constant dollars, USIA's budget has declined 27 percent since 1967, and its

personnel level has dropped 34 percent," said commission Chairman Edwin Feulner Jr.

"Even more disturbing is the drop in the number of USIA employees overseas, where the work of explaining U.S. actions and supporting U.S. policies takes place," he said.

The agency has been forced to compete in the war of ideas with inadequate resources and obsolete equipment, the report said.

There was no immediate response to the commission report, although White House deputy press secretary Larry

Speakes said Reagan met with the panel. He said the president has not decided whether the USIA director should be a statutory member of the National Security Council.

The purpose of the USIA is to report U.S. activities and policies abroad, frequently through the use of broadcasts into unfriendly countries.

The commission noted the controversy surrounding Wick and his former practice of taping telephone conversations without advising the party on the other end. It said the tapings could affect the USIA's ability to perform abroad and its credibility.

One commission member, Olin Robison, president of Middlebury College in Vermont, resigned from the commission in protest of Wick's actions.

Feulner said, however, that improvements in the USIA last year "have far outweighed whatever shortcomings might be seen in the agency."

The commission report recommended the creation of a task force to study how other countries use international broadcasts for their own political purposes.

It said the United States should join the battle of words with the Soviet Union, in which the Soviet bloc has used perverted words such as "people," "liberation" or "democracy" to describe forms of communist totalitarianism, the report said.

The Voice of America, although it now has 42 language services, needs new equipment, the commission said.

More than 35 percent of VOA's transmitters are 30 years old or older, the report said. The commission recommended developing direct satellite broadcasting for the "superpower" transmitters.

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