

Federal agents take over sniper questioning

ROCKVILLE, Md. (AP) — Questioning of the two sniper suspects halted when federal agents took custody of the pair, possibly preventing investigators from obtaining information about the shooting spree, a local law enforcement source complained Wednesday.

Maryland U.S. Attorney Thomas DiBiagio disputed that, saying neither suspect was "yielding any useful information." He also said federal law required they be taken before a federal magistrate once they asked for a lawyer.

The dispute was one of the very earliest clashes among prosecutors over which jurisdiction would take the lead role in pursuing a case against John Allen Muhammad, 41, and John Lee Malvo, 17.

After a three-week manhunt covering the entire Washington region, Muhammad and Malvo were arrested Oct. 24 at a Maryland location, and were taken to a federal court in Washington, D.C. to stand on a federal charge and were questioned that morning by members of the multi-agency sniper task force.

Later that day, after investigators received calls from DiBiagio, the two were taken into federal custody, the local law enforcement official said.

Task force investigators complained they were trying to develop support and may have been able to obtain valuable information.

However, a senior Justice Department official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the pair were providing little information to interrogators and invoked their right not to speak without a lawyer.

The Justice Department official said Malvo would not even admit he was in the car with Muhammad when the two were arrested, saying only things like "I'm hungry" or "Leave me alone so I can get something to eat."

Task force officials complained that the federal government's decision ended potentially valuable interrogations, the local law enforcement source said.

"He was talking," the source said of Muhammad. "There was certainly a great deal of information that remained to be gleaned from him."

DiBiagio, however, told task force investigators that he had orders from the White House and the Justice Department to take the suspects, and could not be talked out of doing so, the source said.

Muhammad and Malvo did not give any indication they were prepared to confess, the source said.

Woman faces charges for taking off clothes

EVANSVILLE, Ind. (AP) — A French woman faces a felony charge of disorderly conduct at an airport after she allegedly undressed to her waist in an angry outburst at security screeners.

A judge Tuesday found probable cause for the charge against Yvonne Marcelle Aguilhaume, 56, of Paris. She faces misdemeanor charges of resisting law enforcement and public indecency.

Aguilhaume burst into tears when the judge explained the possible penalties. She declined comment to reporters after the hearing.

The felony disorderly conduct charge was made possible when a state law passed after the 2001 terrorist attacks. The law, which took effect July 1, set a sentence range of six months to three years.

Prosecutors would consider whether the incident rose to the level of a felony, Deputy Prosecutor Dawnya Taylor said.

Authorities say Aguilhaume kept reaching inside her sweater, forcing guards to research her, during a routine screening Monday at Evansville Regional Airport.

After a screener attempted to use a metal-detecting wand, Aguilhaume became upset and allegedly removed her sweater, shirt and bra.

Police said Aguilhaume tried to pull away as an officer attempted to handcuff her. She later dropped to the ground and refused to get up.

Ethics

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show out of the race for stardom. The ethical behavior of Division III coaches, Wigley said, increases simply because they're "coaching for the right reasons: they love the sport."

Overall, male coaches paid the highest salaries at the least ethically, Wigley said.

Some coaches dispute the study's results. Julie Jenkins, a Division I head volleyball coach at Trinity University in San Antonio, said ethical behavior is based on the individual person, not necessarily the paycheck.

She said men are no less ethical than the women.

"Most of us are not in it to make a lot of money. We just enjoy coaching," Jenkins said.

Coaches in her division are paid between \$50-75,000 a year on average.

At A&M, Melvin Watkins, the men's basketball head coach, refuted Wigley's claim. He said Aggieland is a plethora of first-class coaches that abide by the rules regardless of the fact that they are highly paid.

"Although we have had problems in the past, ethics has not been a problem lately," Watkins said.

Watkins said from his experience, there is no significant difference between the moral values of Division I and Division III coaches. Coaches in A&M's division are paid six-figure digits.

"You've got those that go by the rules and those that don't," Watkins said. "It doesn't have anything to do with money or gender."

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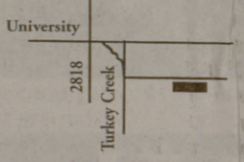
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