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Suspect arrested in park killing

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One of two suspects wanted in connection with an August shooting death in Carwin Park was returned to Stamford yesterday after Long Island county police arrested the fugitive following a tip from an informant.

Michael Washington Reid, 20, waived his right to an extradition hearing in First District Court of Hauppauge, L.I., yesterday. He agreed to be sent back to Stamford to face charges stemming from an Aug. 26 murder here, said Richard Roberts, a clerk at the First District Court of Hauppauge.

Stamford Police Officer Frank McGuinness and Sgt. John Forlivo were dispatched to retrieve Reid about 3:30 p.m. yesterday, said Lt. Edward McNulty of the Stamford police. They returned around 10 p.m. with Reid, police said last night.

Reid was arrested Thursday night at the Sheraton Hotel in Hauppauge by Suffolk County homicide detectives, said Sgt. Jim Cassidy of the homicide squad. Cassidy said Reid had been working there for about three days.

Reid was charged with being a fugitive from justice. McNulty said Reid probably won't be arraigned until Monday in Stamford Superior Court.

Stamford police still have no clues as to the whereabouts of the second suspect, Michael D. Simpson, 26, said McNulty. Reid and Simpson are wanted in connection with murder of a man who Stamford police tentatively identified as Sonney Thompson, 23, of Miami, Fla.

Witnesses said the three men had been arguing in the park about who stole some marijuana from a room, McNulty said. One of the men shot Thompson several times with a handgun. Thompson was dead when police arrived at the park a short time later.

Since the murder, Stamford police had launched an international search for Reid, a Jamaican, and Simpson, enlisting the help of Jamaican authorities and InterPol, an international agency used in police investigations.

It was the quick work of the Suffolk County homicide detective, however, that gave Stamford police their first big break in the case, McNulty said.

About 3:30 p.m. Thursday, Det. Sgt. Robert Misegades of the Suffolk homicide squad received a call from an informant telling him a man wanted for murder.

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CHARLES SMITH, NAACP DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

NAACP leader says affirmative action dead

Says Reaganomics ignores black unemployment

By James M. Kent
Special Correspondent

A top official of the NAACP yesterday accused the Reagan administration of undoing affirmative action progress that took 40 years to evolve, and warned blacks not to commit an "institutional form of unconscious genocide" by allowing that progress to fade.

Charles Smith, the deputy executive director of the civil rights group, made the charges as key speaker at the 17th annual convention of the state chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, being held this weekend at the Stamford Marriott.

"Affirmative action is dead," Smith said. "In two years, Reagan has destroyed what it took from Roosevelt to create."

Appearing before an audience of 500 representatives from chapters from across Connecticut, Smith also urged NAACP members to convince top business executives to seek minority employees and "give us our fair share."

"Violations (of equal opportunity employment laws) are not at the top. It's the middle level management," he said. "All they want at the top is your money, whether you're black or white. But you have to get through 15 layers of bureaucratic, neurotic, discriminatory racists to get to the top. And when you get there, tell them you want compliance, from their board of directors down to the mail room. If not, tell them we're just going to walk on by and buy from the next man."

Smith, a former minister, echoed the overall theme of the convention, which questions Reagan's economic

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Grand jury probes organized crime link to toxic waste firm

By Frank M. Fedeli
Staff Writer

The one-man state grand jury probing toxic waste dumping will investigate links between a defunct Stamford hazardous waste removal firm and powerful organized crime figures in Westchester County, according to state police.

Stamford Superior Court Judge Martin L. Nigro was appointed Wednesday to weigh evidence about the alleged dumping and storage of toxic waste by three Connecticut companies, including Trichem Environmental Industries, Inc., a firm owned by Stamford residents Thomas and Gene Tamburri.

"We have worked closely with investigators from New York on a similar toxic waste investigation, to see if Trichem is that state," said Sgt. Bruce Haines, commander of the State Police Organized Crime Task Force, before the grand jury was empaneled.

Haines said his investigators, who worked on the case for nearly a year, tried to determine if organized crime figures financed and worked with Trichem. Investigators from the New York Organized Crime Task Force examined two cartons of Trichem's records to determine if toxic wastes were dumped or stored in New York, according to Haines. Investigators from that task force would not divulge information about the records they examined.

The investigation of Trichem began when, acting on an anonymous tip, on Jan. 28, state police task force investigators raided a Manhattan Street warehouse and discovered 600, 55-gallon drums of illegally stored toxic waste. State environmental workers also discovered toxic waste stored in seven Trichem trucks parked in a Clairor Corp. lot on Harborview Avenue. Also seized in a raid later in the day on Jan. 28 were extensive files of Trichem's business records taken from Gene Tamburri's home. Trichem had been hauling hazardous waste although its permit to do so had expired on Sept. 30, 1981, according to state Department of Environmental Protection officials who also said Trichem never had a permit to store toxic material. More than 73,000 gallons of Trichem waste were hauled to Alabama last April by licensed firms hired by the DEP.

Sources close to the investigation said two other companies involved in the

grand jury probe, Environmental Waste Removal Inc. of Waterbury, and the Connecticut Treatment Corp. of Bristol will not be probed for links to organized crime. But federal authorities yesterday told EWR that a controversial pile of PCB-laden sludge in Waterbury must be cleaned up promptly.

Gene Tamburri was unavailable for comment yesterday. Following the Jan. 28 raids, the attorney for the Tamburri brothers, David McHugh, said his clients had licenses to store and transport hazardous waste.

In 1980, the New York task force uncovered a network of landfills and garbage carting firms owned by members and associates of the Genovese and Gambino organized crime families, the two most powerful crime families in the United States, according to federal authorities. The task force investigation centered around toxic waste dumping in upstate Connecticut and in Rockland and Orange Counties in New York, according to John Fine, former chief of the task force's Metropolitan Region.

The regional office of the federal Environmental Protection Agency in Boston announced yesterday that it had turned down a request by Environmental Waste Removal Inc. to have its pile of treated metal hydroxide sludge declared no longer a hazardous waste.

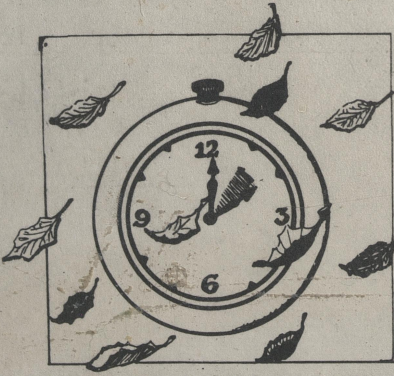
Winning the reclassification would have allowed EWR to haul away the waste for routine disposal at a landfill or to recycle it into chemical products.

Under its current classification, the waste cannot be reused and most undergo special disposal.

In an application statement, the EPA said it is prepared to push for speedy action in obtaining a more detailed analysis of the content of the sludge pile and other waste at EWR by pressing its lawsuit, filed in June and pending at U.S. District Court in New Haven.

In Bristol, levels of PCB contamination even higher than those reported earlier were found in a sample from the top of a tank containing about 8,000 gallons of waste oil at Connecticut Treatment Corp.'s Middle Street site in Bristol, according to Stephen W. Hitchcock, hazardous materials management director for the state Environmental Protection Department.

Democratic candidate for attorney general Joseph Lieberman criticizes toxic dumping. See story Page A5



Daylight Saving Time ends early tomorrow morning, 2 a.m. to be precise. Unless you plan to be up then, better set your clock back an hour before you go to bed tonight.

Reagan: Economic recovery coming

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SALT LAKE CITY — President Reagan wound up his campaign for fellow Republicans in the mid-term elections yesterday preaching hope and promising economic recovery.

Updating his campaign rhetoric with fresh reports of economic improvement, Reagan told a GOP rally in Salt Lake City: "Each week brings fresh evidence that our program is working and momentum for recovery is building. Yesterday we learned that productivity increased sharply in the third quarter. This morning Americans awake to see another patch of blue."

"The leading indicators which measure the vital life signs of our economy to forecast its future direction were up in September. That is the fifth increase in the last six months."

The September increase of 0.5 percent followed an August decline of 0.2 percent that had inter-



President Reagan raises the hands of New Mexico gubernatorial candidate John Linn and Senator Harrison Schmitt in Roswell, N.M., during a campaign swing through the Southwest.

rupted four straight months of gains.

"Pretty soon," Reagan said, "even the diehard doom peddlers will have to admit it. America is on her way back, and we will lead the way out of this worldwide recession."

As the campaign ends, fears are rising in the White House that the Republicans could suffer

much worse losses than predicted just a few weeks ago — perhaps losing 25 seats in the House and, if everything goes wrong, even control of the Senate. Results like that would signal not only a public repudiation of the administration but also two years of governmental stalemate ahead.

As those predictions have wor-

ened, Reagan's rhetoric has gotten harsher. His manner is affable, as always, but his message is defensive, and his tone almost

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