

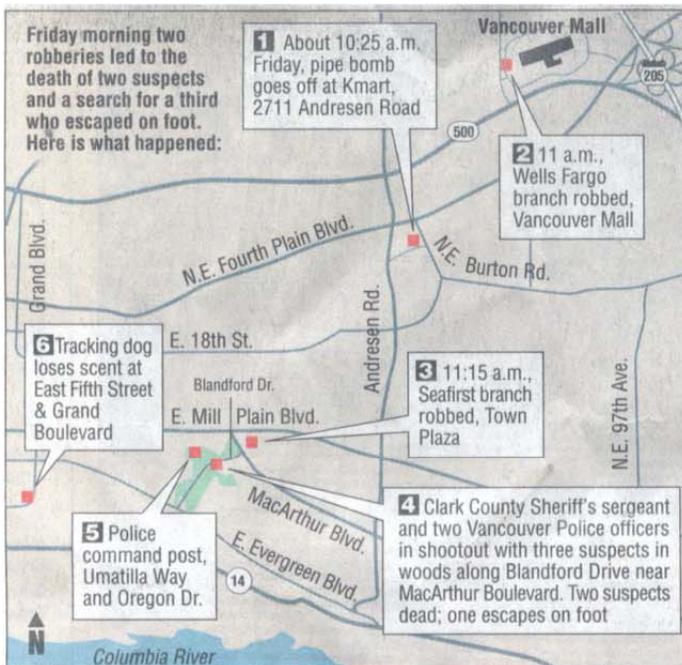


VANCOUVER POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Shootout on Blandford Road A Case Overview and Presentation on Mindset



When: May 29, 2014 / 9am – Noon

Where: VPD – West Precinct Community Rm.
2800 NE Stapleton Rd.
Vancouver, WA 98661

Case Overview by Det. Wally Stefan

Presentation by Det. L. Zapata

Register to attend this presentation by calling
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On October 17, 1997, at 11:12 a trio of masked men entered a Vancouver, WA, bank with assault rifles and shotguns. For roughly 2 minutes they terrorized the people inside while taking the bank's money. At 11:23 CCSO Sgt. Craig Hogman crossed paths with the robbers as they drove out the area. A pursuit ensued and the trio riddled Hogman's patrol car with bullets in an attempt to murder him and get away. At 11:26 VPD Officers Lawrence Zapata and Adam Millard encountered the suspects as they sped up Blandford Rd. Gunfire followed and the suspect's crashed into a wooded ravine. In the ravine two of the suspects were shot dead; the third escaped, but was captured a short time later. In the days following co-workers and friends asked Officer Zapata "what he relied upon to remain calm (training /mindset)?" His presentation will walk you through the shootout as he perceived it and he'll talk about the "what" he relied upon. Detective Wally Stefan was assigned as the lead investigator and he'll present an overview of the case and will provide insight on the suspects and their motivation.