

Man thought to be AIM leader sought in Oregon

Law enforcement officers early today were searching the Oregon-Idaho border near Ontario, Ore., for a man believed to be American Indian Movement leader Dennis Banks.

Officers said by phone that they took 4 adults, including Darlene Nichols, a woman believed to be Banks' wife, in custody yesterday after a shootout with Oregon State Police.

The man believed to be Banks, who was declared a federal fugitive Aug. 5 when he failed to appear in Custer County, S.D., for sentencing on a riot and assault conviction, fled into the thick brush that covers the area.

The incident began when an Ore-

gon state trooper stopped a camper van which answered the description of a vehicle that the FBI had been told Banks was using.

Trooper Ken Griffiths told the Associated Press that he stopped the van and a station wagon on Hwy. 1-80 near Ontario late last night.

One man ran into a nearby field and began firing at him, Griffiths said. Griffiths returned the firing and called for help, he said.

Taken into custody were Ms. Nichols, 20; Naguset Eask, 30, and 2 men, Russ James Redner and Kenneth Loud Hawk, according to police. An 18-month-old baby, traveling with the group, was placed with welfare authorities.

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Police alerted for 2 fugitives

Lower Mainland police are on the lookout for American Indian Movement leader Dennis Banks and another man wanted in connection with the murder of two FBI agents and a Friday night shootout with Oregon state police.

Banks and Leonard Pelletier are considered armed and extremely dangerous.

The police warning followed an incident Friday near Ontario, Ore., during which state troopers exchanged gunfire with the occupants of two vehicles stopped for a check.

A state police spokesman said a trooper stopped a recreational vehicle and a station wagon near Ontario on the Idaho border and was fired upon.

The trooper fired back and two men, two women and a child were taken into custody unhurt, police said. Two other men, however, escaped.

B.C. police were warned that Banks and Pelletier were believed heading for Canada in a stolen car bearing California licence plates. The two men are wanted for questioning in connection with the shootout and the June murders of two FBI agents on the Pine Ridge Indian reservation in South Dakota.

Agents Jack Coler and Ronald Williams were shot to death June 26 when they tried to serve warrants on persons holed up in a house on the reservation. Authorities described their deaths as "executions."

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HEARING SET IN OREGON

Two Banks-case figures arraigned

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—Kenneth Loudhawk and Russ James Redner were arraigned yesterday in U.S. District Court on federal charges of possessing firearms and harboring a fugitive, American Indian Movement leader Dennis Banks.

Loudhawk, Redner and two women were arrested Friday in Ontario after a gun battle with police. FBI agents in Portland say they believe Banks, formerly of the Twin Cities area, and Leonard Peltier fled the scene.

MEANWHILE, the FBI and state police concentrated their search for Banks and Peltier in the Umatilla-Hermiston area in northeast Oregon after a stolen pickup truck was found in Umatilla.

The pickup and a rifle were taken from a ranch near Nyssa Saturday. The FBI said Peltier's fingerprints were found in the ranch house.

Bill Williams, FBI spokesman in Portland, refused to confirm or deny a report from a state trooper in Ontario that bloodstains were found in the pickup. Police Chief Eldon Olson of Umatilla said no guns were found in the vehicle.

After yesterday's arraignment, Loudhawk, 21, Pine Ridge, S.D.,

and Reiner, 28, Eureka, Calif., were held in lieu of \$55,000 bail each. U.S. Magistrate George Juba scheduled a preliminary hearing for Nov. 26.

ARRESTED WITH the men were Darlene Nichols, 20, Pine Ridge, described as Banks' common-law wife, and Anna Mae Aquash, 30, Nova Scotia.

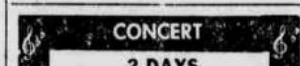
Miss Nichols was picked up on a bond-default warrant from Topeka, Kan. She was arrested there Sept. 10 after an explosion on the Kansas Turnpike.

Miss Nichols, who is pregnant, waived her right to a removal hearing, as did Miss Aquash, who will be returned to Pierre, S.D., to face a federal firearms charge.

Deputy marshals said all four would be returned to Vancouver, Wash.

Marshals said they had received a number of telephone calls threatening disturbances, but no disruptions occurred.

FBI agents reported finding guns, ammunition and seven cases of dynamite in a station wagon and motor home confiscated after the gun battle in Ontario.



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