

'Three Weeks in October'

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Under duress, Moose resigned from Maryland law enforcement, when city officials told him writing this book was a conflict of interests, that he could not profit off the investigation and that he would taint the jury pool. He appealed their decision, but eventually handed in his badge.

As the investigation developed, Moose reported his progress through an aggressive media that he was very critical of. He held reporters responsible for cutting off communication between police and the sniper by reporting on leaks and weak leads.

After experiencing the same resistance of writing a story during an ongoing investigation, Moose differentiates himself from the media, and says his feelings about the press have not changed.

"My bone to pick with the media is they sometimes think they're going to solve the crime themselves," he said. "My book is not about the investigation and the trial. It's about teamwork and my perceptions and my background."

Moose said he was hurt and disappointed by the resistance he encountered while writing his book.

"Some people tried to say that by doing this, I'd damage the prosecution's case. I'm very sad because it's like they just dismissed my 28 years of being part of the system and now I'm going to do something to jeopardize a case that's been very

important to me," he said.

Moose still owns a home in northeast Portland, and much of his book discusses experiences and relationships he's had in the city.

"I miss that people here work at being creative and innovative. The quality of life is very good here," he said.

Moose said he is not planning past his book tour, which brought him to Reflections Books and Coffee Shop in northeast Portland Saturday.

He identifies his options as returning to law enforcement, employing his doctorate by finding work in the academic world or joining the private sector.

"I feel in my heart that I still want to be a police chief, but I want to make sure I'm not just missing the whole status thing," Moose said.

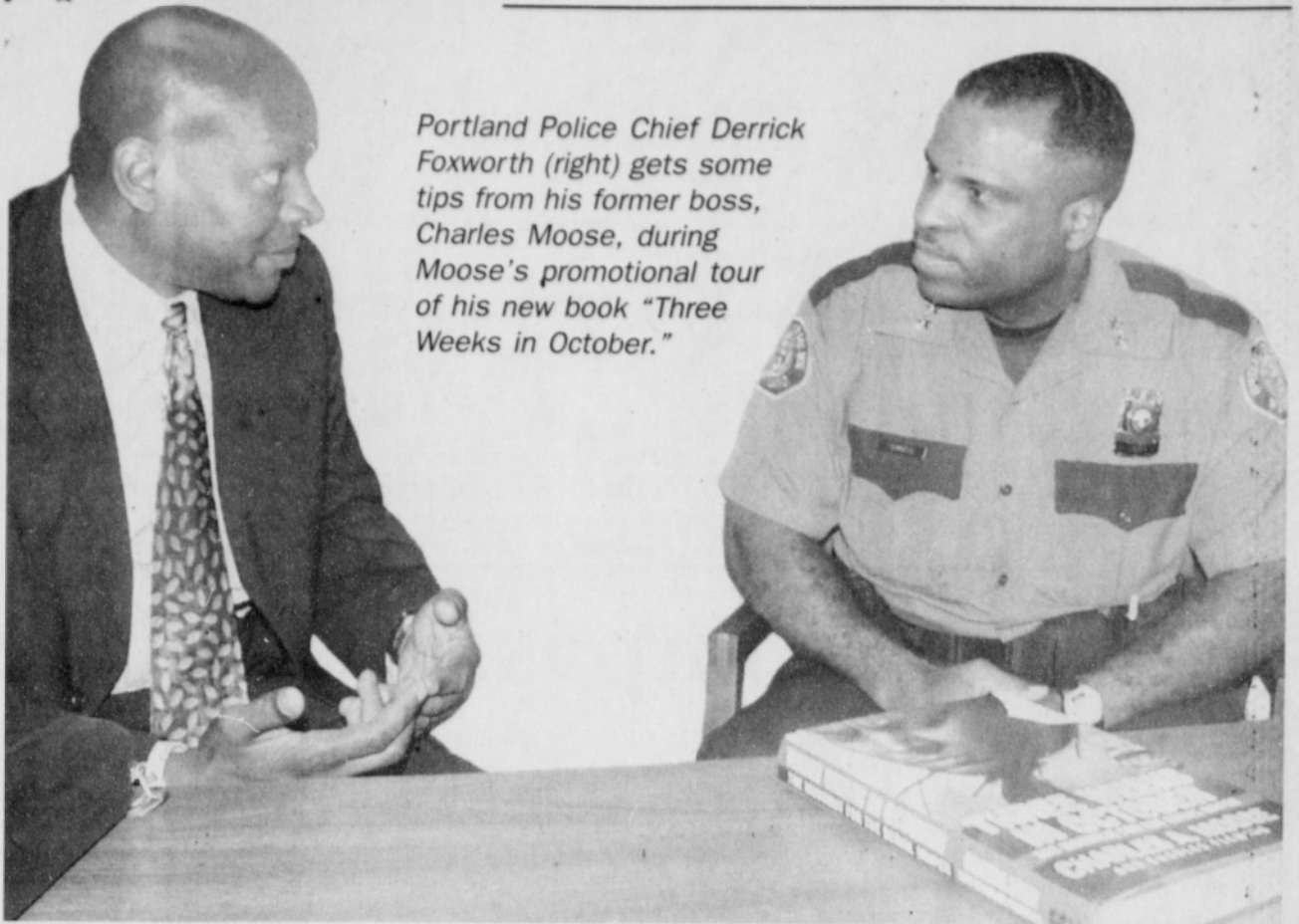
Moose said he struggled with his decision to leave law enforcement to write the book. In the end, he said he feels confident with his choice.

"I wanted to change. I wanted to grow. For whatever reason, God made all that happen. I have no regrets."

A portion of the proceeds for "Three Weeks In October" benefit the Chief Moose Foundation for Justice, a charitable and educational organization promoting racial and gender equality, studying the cause and effects of poverty and injustice, aiding victims of violence and the conduct of free speech. For more information, visit Charles Moose's website at www.chiefmoosefoundation.org.

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Portland Police Chief Derrick Foxworth (right) gets some tips from his former boss, Charles Moose, during Moose's promotional tour of his new book "Three Weeks in October."

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Police Chiefs Talk Leadership

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According to Moose, police officers will to a better job of public service by Foxworth's example.

"They will reflect the leadership values he puts forth," said Moose. "In his speeches, in what he does with his time, in who he singles out in role call and who he gives medals to."

Outspoken African-American leaders have demanded that the bureau diversify its workforce to combat racial profiling and improve relationships with the community.

Foxworth says leading a police bureau that reflects the community is one of his priorities. He plans to take advantage of previously missed opportunities to recruit young people of color. Leaving recruiting material at churches, for example, was his wife's idea.

"The community expects to have a police force that reflects the community's race, gender and sexual orientation," said Foxworth. "We're going to identify more points of contact and leave material there."

Moose takes a more controversial perspective toward diversity.

"Wouldn't it be something if it could be

colorblind?" Moose asked. "If the police department was all black, would we beat up the white people? I'd like to think no."

According to Moose, whoever signs up for the job needs to be rewarded for acting appropriately and punished for behaving badly.

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thinks they will get a break because Derrick looks like them," Moose continued. "People think things are going to get better because of his race, and not his work ethic and values."

According to Moose, the chief's job demands relationships, not just with the community, but also with city officials.

Moose acknowledges Mayor Vera Katz in his book and thanks her for her "partici-

pation and encouragement over time and during this endeavor."

He accredited their weekly meeting hour for their strong working relationship, and instated the same meeting schedule with his new boss in Montgomery County. He met with the county executive weekly.

"By meeting with that person weekly, you learn how they think," he said.

According to Moose, had the sniper attacks or a similar crisis happened in Portland, this city would have fared better.

Communities in the D.C.-area fluctuate with the current presidential administration, Moose explained. This lack of cohesiveness hindered the investigation.

"The police bureau in Portland would be even more prepared because Oregonians insist on working together," said Moose. "If you get the impression that the chief is a lone ranger, you're going to get a new chief."

Moose gave a final forecast for Foxworth and the future of the Portland police bureau when he said, "I'm really happy because I think he's ready and he's ready in his mind." Moose, speaking from decades of law enforcement experience, said, "Derrick will do the best he can humanly do."

Heritage Night at PSU

The Nigerian Community in Oregon and Southwest Washington, will host its fifth "Nigerian Day Banquet" on Saturday, Oct 4, from 6 p.m. to 2 a.m. at the Portland State University Smith Memorial Ballroom.

This event is planned to raise community awareness of the contributions of the Nigerian community within the Portland-Vancouver metropolitan region, and to highlight the transformation of the Nigerian economy by a democratically elected government headed by President Olusegun

Obassanjo.

The event's speakers are Professor Joy Leary of PSU and Mr. Kamau Sadiki, first African-American members of NCOSWA. The event will also be used to continue bridge building with local communities, including the African-American community and other immigrant African communities.

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