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LAW & JUSTICE

Another Deadly Traffic Stop



Nicky Taylor (left) and her mother, Enola Badrick, relatives of James Jahar Perez, the black driver killed during a traffic stop on Sunday, campaign against violence with t-shirts displaying a message for peace.

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could be released until both officers had been interviewed.

The investigation is expected to be completed by the end of the week.

Frustrated African Americans awaiting answers say they are under siege by the police.

"It's a war right now. This needs to end right now, between police and gang members," said Nicky Taylor, a relative of Perez.

Taylor, who wrote a book about gang prevention, said that Perez was not a gang member, but was "guilty by association" with gang members.

"Foxworth really needs to step up and give youth more jobs and more things to do," said Taylor. She said that the chief grew up in her neighborhood and needs to work harder to reach young people

before they are besieged by gang life.

Perez had a record for burglary, gun and drug possessions and was on parole at the time of his death, but there were no warrants for his arrest.

At the news briefing, Foxworth said a Tazer was used to subdue Perez during a struggle with police, although it was unclear whether the Tazer was used before or after shots were fired.

Sery and Macomber, five-year veterans of the force, are on paid administrative leave.

"Police are the only ones doing the shooting," said James Broadus Sr., a local real estate agent and northeast Portland resident for 20 years. He says he's considering getting a gun permit to arm himself.

Taylor and her mother, Enola Badrick, are launching a citywide

campaign against gang and police violence. They are selling t-shirts that warn of the guilty by association label that gang life brings.

"Police say they want witnesses to shootings. How can you trust the police when they're killing us?" Taylor said.

The weekend shooting rings too familiar for residents still mourning the death of 21-year-old Kendra James. Police Officer Scott McCollister was cleared of criminal wrongdoing in James' death, but was placed on five-and-a-half months of administrative leave by former Police Chief Mark Kroeker, who resigned amid controversy over the investigation.

McCollister has since returned to work. The family of Kendra James has filed a \$10 million wrongful death lawsuit against the city and the police department.

FBI Asked to Investigate Shooting

The African American Chamber of Commerce of Oregon is asking for an immediate federal investigation into Monday's police shooting of James Jahar Perez, an unarmed African-American man killed during a north Portland traffic stop.

"We no longer have time for any further commissions, studies and panels", says Roy Jay, chamber president.

Although the African American Chamber is focused on economic

empowerment and development, the organization has a keen responsibility to civil rights enforcement.

JoAnn Bowman, vice chair of the chamber and former state legislator, said that a federal investigation will bring outside resources to the table immediately and make a complete and thorough investigation.

"This is not about police unions protecting their own... this is about what appears to be a complete vio-

lation of civil rights and cold blooded murder in our city," Bowman said.

The city of Portland will not tolerate a six month suspension as what happened in the Kendra James shooting, says Harold Williams, chair of the chamber.

"Portland is now on the radar map... and not in a positive way," says Jay. "This is not only tragic for our city, but also for our economy."

Fraud Case Search Warrants Executed

Federal agents investigating a fraud case for the U.S. Dept. of Transportation and FBI served a series of search warrants Thursday on property owned or used by Portland businessman Larry L. Jackson, 57.

At the same time, a Columbia County Parole and Probation officer took Jackson into custody on allegations that he had violated his post-prison super-



Larry Jackson

vision agreement on previous, unrelated charges.

The investigation involves Jackson's business, Pacific Northwest Financial Services which is also known as Primerica Insurance Services. This company was set up to act as a financial institution to collect funds on behalf of interstate motor carriers. The affidavit in support of the

search warrants alleges that Jackson took money from transportation brokers, but never set up trust funds as he was supposed to do.

Authorities have identified more than 30 potential victims who may have lost more than \$300,000, but they are looking for more victims.

Any member of the general public or anyone working in the transportation industry who has had financial dealings with Jackson's company is asked to call USDOT's hotline at 415-744-2521 or send an e-mail to investigations@oig.dot.gov.

Cross Burned at Home of Black Minister

(AP) — A cross was burned on the front lawn of a black minister in the middle of the night, and police have increased patrols in his Arlington, Wash. neighborhood.

Firefighters doused the flames and investigators found a 3- by 5-foot cross held together with duct tape lying flat in the grass about 2 a.m. on March 24, Police Chief John L. Gray said.

The family, which was not identified, moved into the neighborhood surrounding a golf course south of town several months ago, Gray said. He added that the minister, who has five children, is concerned about their safety and did not want to discuss the matter.

The family "was saddened and surprised," he said. "This just goes against everything they've already

experienced here."

Besides canvassing the neighborhood, police sent pieces of the cross to a State Patrol crime laboratory for testing, Gray said. "We're very angry," Gray said. "This kind of malicious harassment is just intolerable. Arlington is generally a very inclusive community. This kind of crime goes against what this community believes in."

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Mallory Ave. Christian Church
Mon, Wed, Fri, 6-7am, Pierce • 5:30-6:20pm, Granville • 6:30-7:30pm, Nickerson

Humboldt Elementary
Tue, Thu, 6-7pm, Keller

Low Impact Aerobics
Daniel's Memorial Church
Tue, 7:15-8:15pm, Granville

Water Aerobics (Contact AAHC)
Salvation Army
Matt Dishman

African Dance
Matt Dishman
Sat, 10-11am, Addo

Body Conditioning
Wild Oats Market
Sat, 9:30-10:30am, Nickerson

Pilates
Matt Dishman
Mon, 12:15-1:15pm, Jenkins

Stretching/Body Sculpting
(Class courtesy of Matt Dishman)
Matt Dishman
Tue, Thu, 7-8am, Lois

Walking Group
Peninsula Park
Sat, 12:30pm, Woods

Weight Mgmt./Conditioning
U. of Portland Indoor Track
Tue, Thu, 9-10am, Hasan

Yoga
Wild Oats Market
Tue, Thu, 7:30-8:30pm, O'Rourke

Daniel's Memorial Church, 1234 NE Killingsworth (12th & Killingsworth)
Humboldt Elementary, 4915 N Gantenbein
Mallory Avenue Christian Church (Gym), 126 NE Alberta

Matt Dishman, 77 NE Knott Peninsula Park, 700 N Portland
Salvation Army, 5325 N Williams
U. of Portland Indoor Track, 500 N Willamette
Wild Oats Market, 3535 NE 15th

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