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No New Penalties in James Death

Officers only rebuked for having dinner together

(AP) — Portland Police Chief Derrick Foxworth rebuked two officers involved in the fatal shooting of Kendra James, saying they shouldn't have met for dinner before a grand jury convened.

Other than that, however, an internal affairs investigation into seven post-shooting concerns will result in no punishments. The most serious allegation had been that officers failed to give James proper medical aid as she lay handcuffed in the street.

The chief's findings conclude the internal affairs investigation into the May 2003 shooting, which outraged the community and led to the resignation of former Chief Mark Kroeker.

James' family has filed a \$10 million lawsuit against the city and the officers involved in the traffic stop.

Chris Bottoms, one of the James family's Portland attorneys, said Friday that the investigation had a predictable result.

"We didn't have any expectations that police internal affairs



Kendra James

would produce anything positive for the James family," he said. "It's like the wolf guarding the henhouse."

The lawsuit contends that officers failed to provide medical care to James after she was shot.

Internal affairs investigators found no evidence the officers violated the bureau's directive on emergency medical care. After pulling James from the car, Officer Scott McCollister called for paramedics.

He said he found no signs of a gunshot wound and didn't perform emergency resuscitation because she saw her chest rising and falling.

Members of the Albina Ministerial Association, who have been critics of the shooting, said they

appointed by the chief's findings on the restaurant meeting between McCollister, who fired the fatal shot, and Officer Kenneth Reynolds, who was also at the traffic stop.

The two ate together at a restaurant the night after the fatal shooting and before McCollister had been interviewed by detectives.

"Their conduct did impact this organization's credibility and negatively impaired the public's trust in the Police Bureau," Foxworth said in a handwritten memo to the Internal Affairs Division.

But Foxworth also wrote that there was no conclusive proof that the officers discussed details of the shooting.

A Multnomah County grand jury found no criminal wrongdoing by McCollister. Kroeker gave him a 5 1/2-month unpaid suspension for what he considered tactical mistakes.

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were baffled.

"They had shot her," said the Rev. T. Allen Bethel, alliance president, "and then to handcuff her and just leave her there. I find that to be not-human treatment."

Bethel said he was equally dis-

Role Model Arrested

A role model among children in the community was arrested following a domestic disturbance last month.

The Blazers Boys and Girls Club accepted the resignation of Willie Fuller, its unit director, days after the arrest. He directed the club for two years and also coached sophomore boy's basketball at Jesuit High School, where he resigned in the spring.

Fuller was charged with the rape, attempted sodomy and assault of his wife. Police were called to his southeast Portland home after his wife said Fuller raped her and threatened her life with scissors in front of their teen son.

Funk Legend Remembered

Rick James hit the top with 'Super Freak'

(AP)—Funk legend Rick James, best known for the 1981 hit "Super Freak" died Friday. He was 56.

James died in his sleep at his residence near Universal City, apparently of natural causes, said his publicist, Sujata Murthy. James lived alone and was found dead by his personal assistant, who notified police, she said.

The exact cause was not immedi-



Rick James pauses during an interview in this Oct. 23, 2002 file photo, in the Hollywood section of Los Angeles. (AP photo)

1980s, composing danceable rhythms and passionate ballads that gained a wide following.

Aside from "Super Freak" - which MC Hammer used a decade later as the backing track for his rap smash "U Can't Touch This" - James' hits included "Mary Jane," "Ebony Eyes" and "Fire and Desire," a stirring duet with Teena Marie.

"He was really fantastic, he was a creator," singer Little Richard told MSNBC.

Toward the end of the '80s, James' fame began to fade as he became embroiled in drugs, legal problems and health troubles.

In 1997 he released a new album, but a year later he suffered a stroke while performing at Denver's Mammoth Events Center, derailing a comeback tour.

In 1998 he also underwent hip replacement surgery.



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Oprah Signs Through 2011

(AP)—Oprah Winfrey can start making big anniversary plans. Winfrey signed with King World Productions to continue her top-rated "The Oprah Winfrey Show" through the 2010-11 television season, which would be its 25th year in syndication.

"The thought of taking the show to its 25th anniversary is both exhilarating and challenging," Winfrey said.

Just last year, Winfrey extended her contract by two more years, taking her through the 2007-2008. Previously, though, Winfrey, had talked about quitting after the 2005-2006 season.

Winfrey, 50, routinely appears on lists of Hollywood's most powerful figures and, in 2003, became the first black woman to be included on Forbes magazine's tally of billionaires.

The Chicago-based program,



Oprah Winfrey

which showcases Winfrey and A-list celebrity guests, continues to be a ratings powerhouse and has ranked first among talk shows for 71 consecutive "sweeps" periods.

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