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Local African American leaders and other supporters of justice rally on the Justice Center steps Friday to give attention to the police shooting death of Aaron Campbell, an unarmed black man shot during a mental health crisis. **See Story, page 23 inside**

# Shooting Hits Nerve

## National leaders support ministers' call to action

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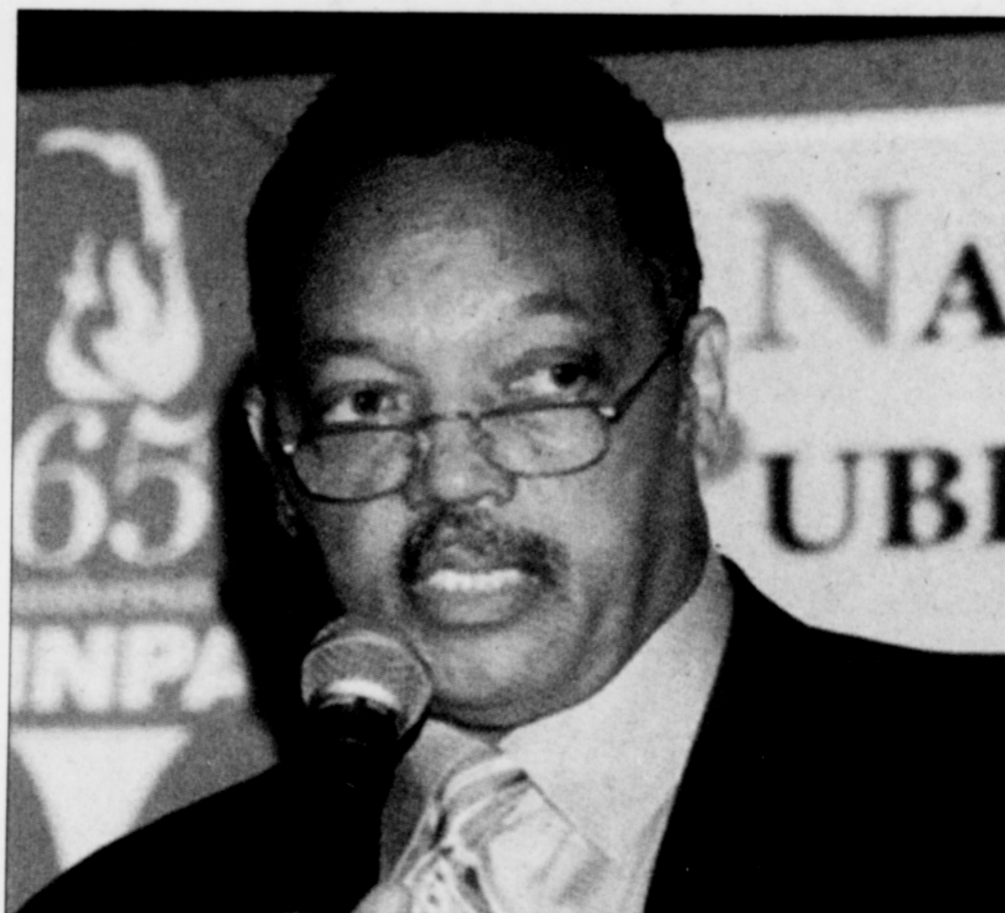
A call to action over last month's death of Aaron Campbell, the 25-year-old, unarmed, black man shot by police during a mental health crisis at a local apartment complex intensified this week as national civil rights leaders turned their focus to Portland.

Rev. Jesse Jackson, an iconic figure from the modern Civil Rights Movement arrived in Portland Monday. He was scheduled to give a Black History talk at the University of Oregon early Tuesday afternoon and return to Portland Tuesday

evening for a news conference and rally at Maranatha Church, an African-American congregation in northeast Portland.

Jackson and the Rev. Al Sharpton, both national civil rights leaders and former presidential candidates, have responded to calls from local black leaders who are demanding that police be held accountable for the death and demanding changes in police policies and tactics.

Jackson said he was invited on behalf of the Campbell family by the Albina Ministerial Alliance, the group representing Portland's black



Rev. Jesse Jackson

churches.

On his arrival at Portland International Airport on Monday, Jackson told Ken Boddie of KOIN 6 in an exclusive interview that similar police shootings are all too common across the country, and they need to stop.

"In the end, it's not about black and white. It's about wrong and right, and this is not right," Jackson said. "This kind of killing of unarmed people must be stopped, and must be deterred by the law."

He echoed calls made by the local leaders for the U.S. Department of Justice to open an investigation into the incident.

At press time, both Mayor Sam Adams and Police Commissioner Dan Saltzman, also had plans to

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