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Officer Fired for Campbell Death

Chief says shooting was outside of training

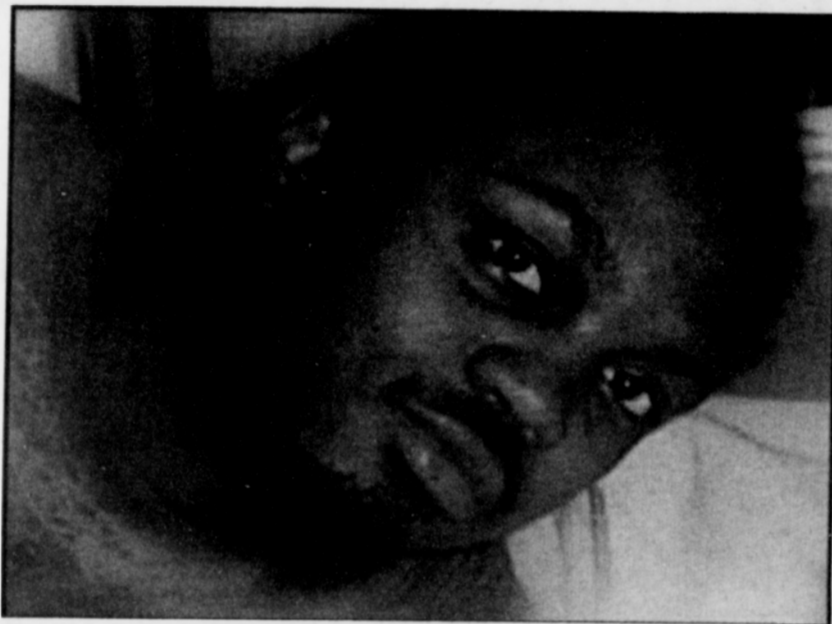
Mayor Sam Adams and Portland Police Chief Mike Reese on Tuesday fired the police officer responsible for shooting and killing unarmed 25-year-old Aaron M. Campbell earlier this year.

Officer Ronald Frashour "acted outside of his training and outside of police bureau policy," according to a statement by the two leaders.

Reese cited Frashour for improper use of deadly force and disciplined another officer and two sergeants with 80-hour unpaid suspensions for their roles in the shooting.

"I have decided the use of force and less lethal force were out of the bureau's policy," said Reese in a prepared statement. "My decision was based on the significant policy violations and performance issues that occurred during this incident."

The Rev. Allen Bethel, president of the Albina Minis-



Aaron Campbell died exiting an apartment with his hands behind his head.

terial Alliance, which has criticized police conduct in the incident, welcomed Frashour's firing but said he'd like to have seen tougher suspensions for the other three officers.

"It does show that the bureau is beginning to take a look

at these things that are being done and willing to hold the officers in the bureau responsible for the actions that have gone forth," Bethel said.

The firing and suspensions come after the Jan. 29 death of Campbell, which occurred outside of his girlfriend's apartment on Northeast Sandy Boulevard. The girlfriend's aunt called the police saying Campbell was distraught from his brother's health-related death that morning — telling the dispatcher that Campbell was armed and suicidal.

Campbell emerged from the apartment and was shot by beanbag rounds prior to Frashour's firing an AR-15 rifle at his back, despite having his hands locked behind his head as he walked backward toward the officers. Officers said they thought Campbell was reaching for a weapon. A gun was later found inside the apartment.

"These were difficult decisions. Police officers are called on to make split-second decisions every day, and at times those are life-and-death decisions. Officers re-

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Airport Tests Baggage System

New body scanners haven't yet arrived

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With the upcoming Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, thousands will be traveling in and out of the area to be with loved ones. Luckily, local transit hubs Union Station and Portland International Airport are more than prepared for the influx.

The airport is testing out a new baggage system, which will allow passengers to check luggage when they check-in with an airline, instead of adding the usual extra step of transporting bags to an additional screening area for drop-off.

Steve Johnson, a spokesperson for the Port of Portland, which oversees the airport, said that it is "ex-

pecting travel to be up about 3 percent this holiday season over last year."

"We're anticipating large numbers of travelers, and are prepared for that," he said, adding that the airport is hoping the new baggage system will also cut down on processing and wait times.

Now though Jan. 2, free entertainment is featured throughout the airport, and many stores and restaurants are offering special promotions.

Johnson said that the airport typically sees 43,000 travelers a day over the holidays — for both Thanksgiving and Christmas. A normal average day this time of year sees 34,000 travelers.

Passengers don't yet have to decide between body scanners or pat-downs at PDX, as the airport is not expecting to have the scanners until

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Alaska/Horizon ticket and baggage workers Kathy Wesby (left) and Sandra Waldow are ready to accommodate an influx of travelers for the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. The airport has a new baggage system, but hasn't yet received new body scanners, the latest technology to detect hidden weapons and explosives in the fight against terrorism.