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LAW & JUSTICE

School Civil Rights Cases Jump

(AP)-- African American boys who are suspended at double and triple the rates of their white male peers. English language learners who, for years, remain in separate classes, falling behind their peers and scoring poorly on standardized tests. Disabled students and those with illnesses who are short-changed at school because of their impairments.

The Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights received nearly 7,000 complaints this fiscal year, an 11 percent increase and the largest jump in at least 10 years, according to data provided by the department.

The increase comes as the office proceeds with 54 compliance reviews in districts and institutions of higher education nationwide, in-

cluding cases involving disparate discipline rates and treatment of students with disabilities.

Why the spike?

Russlynn Ali, director of the Office of Civil Rights, said the reason for the increase in complaints is unclear, but believes students, parents and administrators have more faith that officials will take action.

Officer Fired for Campbell Death

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ceive regular training in policy and procedure; ultimately though, the decisions made in the course of their work are their own," said Adams in a statement. "A loss of life resulted. Thus, the discipline we have handed down is warranted."

A Multnomah County grand jury found no criminal wrongdoing by Frashour. The jury decided the officer reasonably believed Campbell was reaching for a gun. But after their decision, jury members released a three-page letter that blamed lack of communication among officers, inadequate command and poor training for Campbell's death. The jurors said the Portland Police Bu-

reau should be held responsible.

The Portland police union has come out against Frashour's firing, saying he and other officers have been used "as scapegoats to minimize the City's and the Police bureau's political and civil liability," according to a statement.

The Portland Police Association goes on to say that Adams and the police chief "ignored the fact that the Training Division's investigation was incomplete and that many in that division weren't involved in the investigation to give a critique of the incident.

When the chief and mayor first recommended Frashour's firing in late August, the police union called it a "dangerous precedent." The

union has also pointed out that the Portland Police Bureau has no written policy regarding how officer-involved shootings are investigated.

In firing Frashour, Reese is following the recommendation of a Use of Force Review Board, a panel of police and citizens that examined the police internal investigation, the training division's analysis and commander's findings.

Adams assumed control of the police bureau following some very public police-involved shootings, including Campbell's death, the fatal shooting of a homeless man at Hoyt Arboretum, and continued controversy over the 2005 police-involved death of James Chasse.

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