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## Semi Truck Hits Max Blue Line

Eight people were injured shortly after noon Monday when a semi tractor-trailer failed to obey a stop signal and collided with a Gresham bound Max light rail train in Hillsboro, officials said.

The front windshield of the Max car was smashed and moderate damage was done to the truck.

Five of the passengers and the semi driver were transported to area hospitals with various injuries, according to Hillsboro firefighters and medics who responded to the scene. A seventh Max passenger was transported by privately-owned vehicle to a hospital.



A Blue Line train bound for Gresham collided with a semi tractor-trailer in Hillsboro Monday. Eight people were injured.

## Shooting Kills Young Man

A young African-American man was killed this weekend in one of three suspected gang-related shootings.

Deondrae Clark, 25, died on Monday after being shot late Friday at North Haight Avenue and Emerson Street. When police arrived on the scene, they found Clark on the ground surrounded by a large group.

On Saturday, Oct. 22, police responded to the second shooting at 15th and Northeast Killingsworth, where they found evidence of multiple shots, which had been fired at a TriMet bus shelter. No injuries were reported.

In the third incident on Sunday morning, a car was hit with two bullets across the street from the Copper Penny at Southeast Foster Road and 92nd Avenue. The investigation is ongoing. No arrests have been made.

Anyone with information regarding the death of Deondrae Clark is asked to contact Detective Traynor at 503-823-0449 or Detective Merrill at 503-823-2092.

Anyone with further information regarding the other shootings are asked to contact the Portland Gang Enforcement team.

## Police Officer Charged

A 10-year veteran of the Portland Police Bureau was arrested by Vancouver Police and placed in the Clark County Jail Monday.

According to officials, Officer James

Botaitis went to his estranged wife's apartment, pulled a gun and threatened at to kill a man who was in the home.

He faces felony charges of burglary, assault and criminal harassment.

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