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## LOCAL NEWS



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Eric Daniels, a minister for a church in the New Columbia neighborhood of north Portland, worries about the violence in the area, but also a label from the old Columbia Villa that may cause police to overreact to incidents.

### Caught in the Middle

#### Police shoot resident during raid

After police shot a man outside of his home during a search warrant of a neighboring residence, one north Portland community has concerns about being accidentally caught up in law enforcement actions.

Alberto Flores-Haro, 31, was critically injured March 13 when he was shot by a Washington County Sheriff's Office Tactical Team assisting Portland Police Gang Enforcement Team Detectives serving a high-risk search warrant related to a robbery and shooting that occurred two days earlier.

Officers said when they arrived on the scene in the New Columbia community they were confronted by Flores-Haro, who was armed with a handgun near his front door. His family said he did not know that the men surrounding his home were police,

thinking they were intruders on his property after his wife saw a stranger in dark clothing in the back yard.

"The city takes incidents such as this very seriously," said Mayor Sam Adams. "As with any officer-involved shooting, there will be a thorough investigation and

Although White said she likes police in the area in case something was to happen, she said it is unsettling to have to see them around all the time. "I don't like that," she said.

Ida Cunningham, who has lived in the neighborhood for five years, agreed.

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Residents, however, are both concerned and confused, as many wonder if they are safe in their homes.

Bre White heard the news when she was away with her young son from her apartment, which rests close to the shooting location. "I was gonna come home, but I felt unsafe," she said.

Although she wants police to be involved with the community, she doesn't understand how the recent incident could have happened. "It just don't make any sense," she said. "They can put the police on the porch to watch all the time, but if they shoot the wrong guy, what is that?"

"We have been having a lot of

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