

Killer Cop

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can-American community, also spoke out against Frashour's reinstatement.

Tom Steenson, the attorney representing the Campbell family, said he's come to the conclusion that the police bureau's training division should be eliminated because the city has lost the ability to control the police union and the police bureau.

In a 73-page ruling issued Friday after 16 days of testimony, the arbitrator ordered the city to reinstate Frashour to his former job and make up his lost wages.

Jane Wilkinson found Frashour's observation that Campbell was reaching into his waistband after the other officer fired beanbag rounds at him to be credible, based on three independent witnesses who described a similar movement.

"Court decisions and the Police Bureau training have emphasized that officers need not wait to see a weapon before firing, so long as there is the reasonable possibility, considering all circumstances, that the suspect is pulling a gun," Wilkinson wrote.

Mayor Sam Adams, who serves

as police commissioner, said the city would appeal her ruling. The case would likely go before the state Employment Relations Board.

Adams said he informed Campbell's mother of the ruling and expressed his disappointment.

The Campbell family agreed to settle a federal wrongful death suit against the city for \$1.2 million in February.

Police Chief Mike Reese said it was unreasonable for Frashour to believe that Campbell posed an "immediate threat" of death or serious injury. In a statement, Reese said he had imposed "what I believed to be appropriate discipline."

The Portland Police Association called the case a tragedy for both the Campbell family and the city.

"It was wrong, though, to compound that tragedy with political decision-making that disregarded the facts of what occurred that night," said the union president, Officer Daryl Turner.

He said 25 Portland police officers testified before the arbitrator that Frashour's use of deadly force was reasonable and in full compliance with bureau rules.

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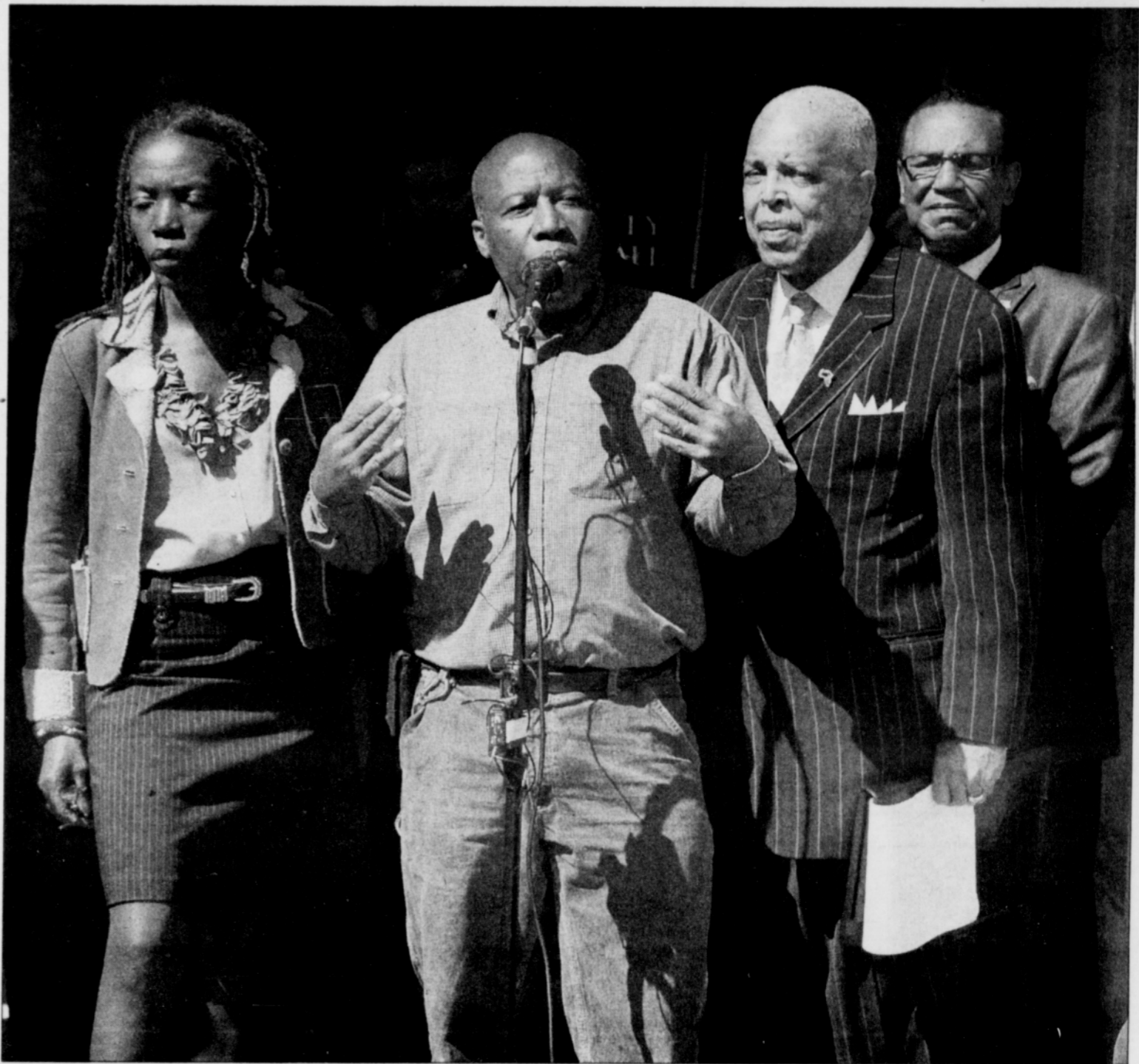


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John Davis, the stepdad to Aaron Campbell, joins a protest at City Hall Monday organized by members of the Albina Ministerial Alliance. Campbell was the unarmed African American man who was fatally shot by Portland police officer Ronald Frashour in 2010. Frashour lost his job over the shooting, but got it back Friday with back pay when an arbitrator ruled the city did not have cause for the firing. The city will appeal the ruling.

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