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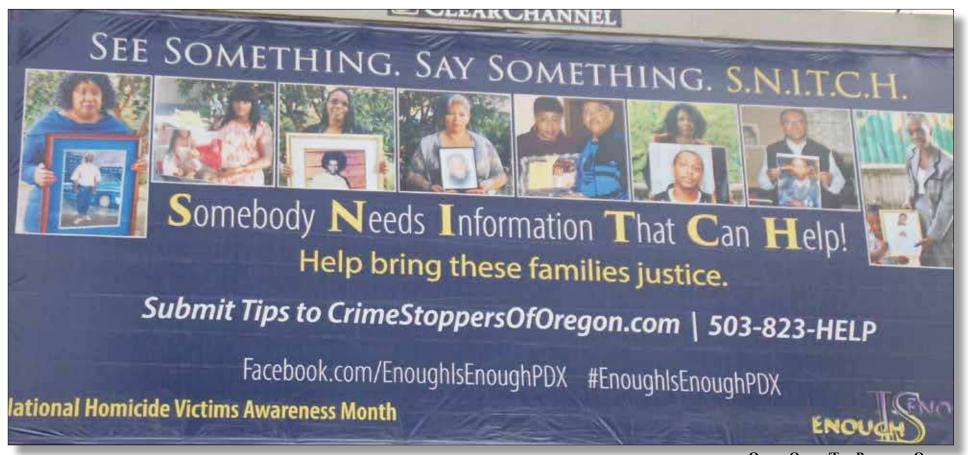


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A new community-led billboard along Northeast Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard makes a plea to speak up and help bring justice to the families of murder victims.

Cold Case Murders Confronted



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Taunya Mayo, a grieving mother who lost her son to an unsolved murder in October, embraces Antoinette Edwards of the Portland Office of Youth Violence Prevention, during a meeting to launch a campaign pleading for witnesses to come forward with information on homicide cases.

New campaign urges witnesses to come forward

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A long-standing tension between police and black residents when it comes to witnesses coming forward is being addressed with a new billboard campaign.

Enough is Enough PDX, a community-led group aimed at encouraging people to take a stand against deadly violence, has put forward the new statement: Someone Needs Information That Can Help – or abbreviated, "SNITCH" - a loaded term usually referring to informants or people willing to take information directly the police.

The history of police brutality, discrimination towards African Americans in law enforcement, and acts of retribution from violent gangs, has created a culture of fear fear to confront crime sometimes in community, but also fear to trust police with sensitive information.

For decades, the term 'snitch' hasn't just been a derisive

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