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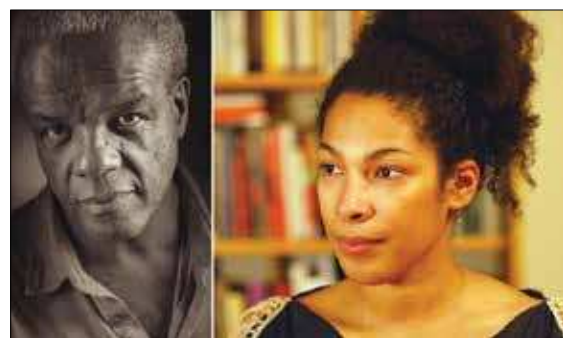


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U.S. Attorney General Loretta Lynch smiles as she visits George Middle School in north Portland Thursday. Lynch was in the city to highlight community policing partnerships, like the school's youth gang and violence prevention program where police officers teach skills to help students resist gangs and violence.

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## More work to do, top law enforcement official says

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Portland is making some progress in addressing unfair outcomes as it relates to racism in the local criminal justice system, but more work is needed, according to the nation's top law enforcement official.

# Policing in Focus

Attorney General of the United States Loretta Lynch, President Obama's chief law enforcement official, recognized the city's efforts to address police issues during a

visit to the Rose City on Thursday.

Lynch said the Portland Police Bureau has improvements to make in how it engages with local residents, including Portland's black community, but pointed to some of the actions the city has already taken as "a positive work in progress."

A 2012 investigation by the U.S. Department of Justice found Portland police engaged in a pattern of excessive force against the mentally ill. Changes to Portland policies, training and oversight are coming as part of a negotiated settlement of a lawsuit that was generated by the federal probe.

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