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LOCAL NEWS



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The Gang Enforcement Team from Portland Police cordon off a street to investigate a shooting on the north side of Portland Community College's Cascade Campus. It happened around 4:30 p.m. on Thursday when a 20-year-old man was hit by gunfire near a sidewalk at North Jessup Street and Mississippi Avenue.

Gang Team Investigates

Shooting disrupts peace near PCC campus

An 18-year-old male turned himself in to authorities on Friday to face charges that he shot another young man the day before on the north side of Portland Community College's Cascade Campus.

Police believe the gunfire was generated from local gang activity and was not directed at anyone at the college. The police bureau's Gang Enforcement Team was called to investigate along with a Gun Task Force which is continuing to investigate several incidents of gun violence citywide.

After he surrendered to police, Woodgery Gelin was charged with attempted murder, assault and unlawful use of a weapon. He's accused of shooting a male

in his early 20s near a sidewalk at North Jessup Street and Mississippi Avenue right next door to school buildings and a nearby Albina Head Start. The victim was taken to a Portland hospital for treatment where he survived his injuries.

Police said the shooting occurred around 4:30 p.m., a busy part of the day on north Portland campus. At least three school buildings were temporarily locked down as a safety precaution.

Monitoring Finds Lower Health Risks

Toxins fall after curbs by glass manufactures

New data from air and soil samples collected around Bullseye Glass Co. in southeast Portland and Uroboros in north Portland, as well as of soil samples collected at the Tubman school building site in north Portland, reveal there is no immediate or urgent public health risk under current conditions, state health officials say.

County Health Department released the analysis Thursday responding to concerns about air monitoring that took place in October that showed high levels of heavy metals, including cadmium and arsenic.

In response to the earlier readings, DEQ secured understandings with the manufacturers to stop use of the toxic metals in production. The air sampling readings released last week taken from the vicinity of Bullseye and Uroboros showed no readings above health benchmarks. That seems to indicate the glassmakers were the source of the prior pollutants, officials said. "Today's information marks

another important step in understanding the impact heavy metals released by glass companies have had on the surrounding neighborhoods," said Lynne Saxton, Oregon Health Authority director.

Saxton said the new test results, while encouraging, don't mark the end of the agencies' work. Rather, they establish a baseline against which to measure changes in conditions over time.

"We'll report this information every week. The community can view it on our website, SaferAir.Oregon.gov," she said.

The agencies expect to complete two comprehensive public health assessments by this fall.