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Beaumont Middle School parent Mystique Pratcher and her daughter Emaujah outside the northeast Portland school. PHOTO BY CERVANTE POPE/THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

**Mother feels  
Beaumont failed  
her daughter**

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Getting arrested isn't an act any child should ever have to experience, yet for a 12-year-old girl, that traumatically scarring experience became a reality.

An iteration of this story first broke a few weeks ago when it was reported that the young female was taken into custody for attacking another student and a substitute teacher at Beaumont Middle School.

While the date regarding the fight and the arrest two weeks later was accurate, the full details behind the incident were missing or false, according to the girl's

mother Mystique Pratcher and discipline records from the northeast Portland school.

Pratcher said she was shocked when Willamette Week published a story just two days after her daughter's March 31 arrest. She calls foul on the school as the source for the media coverage be-

cause a police report had not been filed.

She says Beaumont has an issue of disciplining African American and Latino students more than anyone else, and claims that in her daughter's case, the infractions have been for minor things, like being too loud.

"I'd already been having some issues with students being treated different because of their race at Beaumont," she told the Portland Observer. "Emaujah had 10 referrals and all of them were for being loud in the hallway, during passing times. Not being loud in the classroom, not being disrespectful

to staff -- for talking too loud," she said.

Pratcher said her daughter and another student got into a mutual altercation on March 18. Each student was suspended for the spat, yet only Emaujah was taken into police custody.

A school Disciplinary Action Form documenting the fight, drafted by Student Management Specialist Jennifer Bennett, has now been officially amended.

Emaujah was described as the aggressor in the original report, which did not mention the other student's full level of involvement. Both the principal and vice principal of the school, Harriette Vimignon and Ed Krankowski, wrote in follow-up correspondence feeling the first report was a poor representation of the actual

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