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LOCAL NEWS



Latay Hammick who was diagnosed with sickle cell anemia as a child, celebrates graduation from Jefferson High School on June 6 with her grandparents, Leonard and Dianne Lamberth, and her parents Lloyd and Tiffany Hammick.

Blood Drive Needs You

Diversity of donors saves lives

Just in time for Juneteenth, the 11th Annual Dr. Charles Drew Community Blood Drive will return with education, participation and prizes all in the name of providing blood to those in need, especially for people of color.

Partly sponsored by the Portland Blood Donation Center at 3131 N. Vancouver Ave. You're

after the African American doctor who laid the groundwork for today's modern blood donation program through his innovative work in blood banking. The Red Cross blood program started in 1940, under the leadership of Dr. Drew who became the Red Cross' first medical director in 1941

The Charles Drew blood drive will be taking place Saturday, June 18 from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the American Red Cross Portland Blood Donation Center at 3131 N. Vancouver Ave. You're

also invited to get your body and mind moving by teaming up with the soulful line dancing group Sistahs4Life during their group exercise work in the donation center's atrium beginning at 9:30 a.m.

An open discussion panel on sickle cell anemia will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. featuring the Executive Director of the Sickle Cell Foundation of Oregon Marcia Taylor and the Lamberth Family, who will be sharing

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Measure 11 Prosecution Changes

Multnomah County District Attorney Rod Underhill has developed a new policy covering juveniles charged with certain Measure 11 crimes. On a case by case basis, minors age 15 to 17 charged with robbery, assault and kidnapping in the second degree, will have the chance to avoid being prosecuted as an adult on a case by case basis.

The new policy is contingent on an extensive list of aggravating and mitigating factors.

Chief Deputy District Attorney Kirsten Snowden told KOIN 6 that for young offenders of series but non-murderous crimes, resolving their cases under the juvenile justice system gives them a better



Rod Underhill

chance at rehabilitation and maintaining a path to education, employment and housing.

Snowden acknowledged the inordinate amount of minority youth finding themselves bound to the adult court system because of Mea-

sure 11 violations.

"We are hoping that by not having felony convictions, that won't be an added barrier to them moving on with their lives," Snowden said.

Bobbin Singh, executive director of the Oregon Justice Resource Center, welcomed the change in policy, but called for further action.

"We encourage DA Underhill and his office to go further," Singh said. "Only in rare cases should juveniles be tried as adults. Moreover, the burden should be on the state to demonstrate that a young person should be tried as an adult, not on teenagers to show that they should not."