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## LOCAL NEWS



Mike Marshman was named Portland's new police chief Monday. A former captain in the Police Bureau, he most recently oversaw the implementation of reforms combating police use of excessive force against people with mental illness. (KPTV photo)

### Police Command Shake Up

New chief takes oath and makes changes

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Portland Police Chief Larry O'Dea will be replaced by Captain Mike Marshman, Mayor Charlie Hales announced Monday.

The move came one day after O'Dea indicated he would retire after 30 years with the Police Bureau. The decision came as O'Dea faces an investigation into an accidental shooting of a friend during a hunting trip in Harney County of eastern Oregon last April.

"We are still waiting for the outcomes of investigations before passing judgment," Hales said at a City Hall press conference. "But we have urgent needs — police

reform, staffing shortages — that must be addressed by leadership. Now is the time for the bureau to make a fresh start."

Portland Police Association President Daryl Turner, representing the bureau's rank-and-file officers, welcomed the departure and embraced Marshman as the new chief.

"For the past few weeks, we have watched as the Bureau suffered under Larry O'Dea's lack of leadership and ownership of his actions," Turner said. "We needed a police chief to lead us with strength and integrity. Larry O'Dea was not that person."

Marshman took the oath of office Monday and in one of his first actions named three new assistant chiefs and reassigned more than a dozen other officers to new positions within the Bureau.

Three former assistant chiefs under investigation for not call-

ing for an internal inquiry when O'Dea revealed the shooting to them were demoted, and former Acting Chief Donna Henderson, also under investigation for keeping quiet, will retire.

Marshman, a 25-year Portland police veteran most recently served as the Bureau's intermediary to the U.S. Department of Justice, specifically overseeing the implementation of reforms combating police using excessive force against people with mental illnesses, per a mandated settlement of a 2012 federal lawsuit.

"The bureau is grappling with staffing shortages. It must continue to move forward on reform. Mike Marshman is known as a deliberate and thoughtful leader, and is an expert on the reform agreement. He is the right leader to stabilize the bureau and continue

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### Report Finds Racial Bias

Oregon seventh for locking up black residents

A new report on racial disparities in state prisons provides evidence of a disproportionately high rate of incarceration of black Oregonians, the second report this year to demonstrate racial bias in the local justice system.

"The Color of Justice: Racial and Ethnic Disparities in State Prisons" from the Sentencing Project in Washington, D.C.

shows Oregon has the seventh highest percentage rate in the United States of incarceration of black people in state prisons.

1 in 21 African-American men is incarcerated in a state prison in Oregon, compared to an average across all states of 1 in 26. Vermont had the highest rate of black imprisonment at 1 in 14; while Hawaii was the lowest at 1 in 61.

Oregon stands out in the Color of Justice report for also imprisoning everyone more than the national average; 46 percent higher for blacks; 33 percent higher for whites and 5 percent higher for Hispanics.

Bobbin Singh, executive director of the Oregon Justice Resource Center, said the research

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