



Kali Thorne-Ladd takes the oath of office as vice-chair of the Portland Community College Board of Directors. PCC Interim President Sylvia Kelley (left) led the Aug. 18 ceremony.



Jeremy Patrick Kidwell

Explosive Targeted Homeless Family

Police arrested a southeast Portland resident accused of placing an explosive device underneath a motor home occupied by a homeless family.

Police said Jeremy Patrick Kidwell, 46, lived in the area and indicated that he was upset with people living on the street in RVs in the neighborhood.

The motor home was parked along Southeast 160th and Division when a pipe with a fuse was tossed under it around 5 a.m. on Aug. 24. The homeless family was inside. The Metropolitan Explosives Disposal Unit responded to the scene to collect and assess the unexploded device. No parties involved were injured.

Later, at about 6 p.m. later that evening, police identified Kidwell as the suspect when he returned to the scene and was questioned. Kidwell was taken into custody on charges of manufacturing and possession of a destructive device and arson.

PCC Board Leaders Named

The Portland Community College Board of Directors has named Gene Pitts, a high tech executive, as chair and Kali Thorne-Ladd, an education leader from Portland's black community, as vice chair.

Pitts, a technical marketing director at Intel Corp., was first elected to the board in 2009 representing southwest Portland and Washington and Yamhill counties. He graduated from Clemson University with bachelor and master's degrees in electrical and computer engineering and

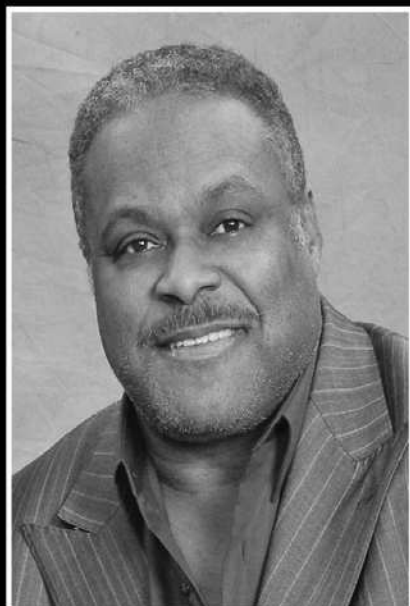
has more than 30 years of experience in the high-tech sector.

Thorne-Ladd was appointed to the board in 2012 and elected in 2013. She represents north Portland and portions of Columbia County and serves as co-founder of KairosPDX, which is a non-profit organization focused on equity and access to quality early learning opportunities.

Thorne-Ladd formerly worked as the education strategies director for the Port-

land mayor's office. In addition, she is a board member with Camp Fire USA, Portland Leadership Foundation and is a steering committee member with the Cradle to Career Initiative. She holds a master's degree in education policy and management from Harvard University.

The PCC Board governs the college, which includes selecting the president, approving the hiring of other staff and faculty, approving the college budget and establishing school policies.



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