

Protesters in Portland gather to oppose the harsh, anti-immigrant policies of the Trump Administration during a visit by Attorney General Jeff Sessions. (KGW photo)

Sessions Visit Met With Resistance

Protestors, mayor oppose his law and order plea

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Portland pushed back against Jeff Sessions who visited Portland Monday to meet with law enforcement officials to ask them to cooperate with the Trump Administration to enforce their immigration policies.

Demonstrators from Portland's Resistance, Milenio, Voz Hispana Cambio Comunitario and others were present at all stages of Sessions' visit to protest his anti-immigration policies, criminal justice initiatives, racism, and the Trump Administration in general.

Mayor Ted Wheeler, who refused to attend the meeting in protest, sent a letter to Sessions outlying

why he opposed meeting with him and clarifying Oregon's sanctuary laws.

Oregon state law dating back to 1987 prohibits state and local police from enforcing federal immigration law," Wheeler wrote.

Wheeler also said he opposes the Trump Administration's threats to pull funding from sanctuary cities and states and condemned the administration's revocation of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), which protects child immigrants, known as "Dreamers," from being deported.

"Dreamers were brought to the United States as children, through no decision of their own. This is the only country they have ever called home. Dreamers today are applying their talents to make a positive difference in our society. We should embrace Dreamers, not reject them," Wheeler said.



Lombard Crash at 15th Avenue Kills 2 People

Two people were killed, including a 12-year-old, and four other were seriously injured in a catastrophic car crash on Northeast 15th and Lombard Street Monday night. Police said a car was traveling west on Lombard at a high speed when it crashed into a pickup truck traveling the opposite direction.

Protest Legal Observer Claims Police Brutality

The Portland chapter of the National Lawyers Guild says they are "outraged" over a Portland police officer who was filmed shoving a volunteer legal observer during a September 10 downtown protest and have filed a tort claim against the city of Portland. The use of force at the rally, where seven arrests were made, is being reviewed by the Portland police.

Amazon Hiring 1,000 for North Portland Facility

On Monday, Amazon announced plans to open a fulfillment center in the Rivergate Industrial area of north Portland, which would create more than 1,000 fulltime jobs. Troutdale and Salem were previously announced by the online retailer as future sites of similar warehouses, where the facility will fill, pack, and ship online orders.

Man Found Shot after Report of Gunfire, Later Dies

Police responded to multiple reports of gunfire about 1:40 a.m. at the 3600 block of Southeast 28th Avenue on Sunday. Wilbert "Billy" Butler, 27, was found with multiple gunshot wounds and was rushed to the hospital, where he died hours later, officials said.

Police Acquittal Sparks Rage

Protests that started peacefully Friday night in St. Louis over a judge's decision to acquit a white former police officer in the shooting death of a Lamar Smith, a 24-year-old black man, culminated in more than 80 arrests on Sunday as police officers chanted "whose streets, our streets." A night earlier, demonstrators blocked highways, damaged property,



and threw rocks at the St. Louis mayor's house and bricks at police officers.

Lifesaving Transplant for Gomez

Actress-singer Selena Gomez, who has lupus, revealed Thursday that she got a kidney transplant from television actress Francia Raisa. Gomez, who had been in and out of the spotlight over the summer due to recovering from the procedure, calls the surgery "what I needed to do for my overall health."



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