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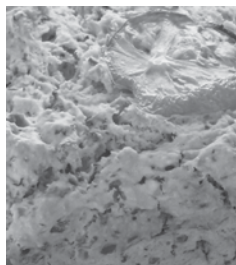
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An Unusual Ally

Police leader defends protests

BY DANNY PETERSON THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

Civil rights advocates don't often count on police as allies in their efforts to bring about social and political change. But the controversy over the silent protests by NFL players during the playing of the Nation Anthem at NFL games has the leader of Portland's police union siding with the players.

Daryl Turner, a black member of the Portland Police Bureau and a representative for the association representing officers in collective bargaining, is speaking out to defend the right to protest, both as citizens and employees of the NFL, not necessarily in support of the content of their demonstrations.

Turner also is the current President of the United Coalition of Public Safety, a group comprised of nine major law enforcement associations across the country, including Portland Police Association, Seattle Police Officers Guild, and San Francisco Police Officers Association.

Turner says the reactions he's



Daryl Turner, a long time member of the Portland Police Bureau, speaks out to defend protests.

gotten from other police officers in Portland about his stance have been mostly positive.

"I think mostly our members understand that the best way to dispel false narratives is to sit down and have a conversation," Turner said.

Turner has reached out to members of the NFL including the players association and the owners and is waiting on a response back from them to organize a round table dis-

cussion.

He said players should have the right to protest both as citizens and employees of the NFL. A former member of the military, he stressed that it's his job to protect the rights of others, including the right to free speech.

"Our First Amendment rights are fundamental to who we are as

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Kayse Jama



Two men who police say are suspects in a rash of racist graffiti across multiple elementary schools in the David Douglas School District are seen from a security camera at Menlo Park Elementary, one of the schools vandalized.

Angered by Racist Graffiti

Advocate looks to long term solutions

BY DANNY PETERSON THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

Kayse Jama was angry when he found out his child's school in northeast Portland was smeared with racist graffiti.

The executive director of Unite Oregon, a statewide social justice organization, and a recent candidate for the state Legislature, Jama told the Portland Observer that Oregon needs long term and specific solutions to fix systemic racism in order to prevent crimes like this in the future.

"Education and dialogue are really important. But I think we have to look beyond dialogue and

having a conversation," he said. "We have to really deal with the racism, systematically. That includes really making sure our students are culturally competent first. They also have the policy and procedures that protect people."

A total of four elementary schools in the east Portland Da-

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