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Special Agent Pete Collier outside the Portland FBI Field Office where is retiring after an illustrious 27 year career as an FBI agent.

## The Greatest Honor FBI agent looks back on exciting career

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Stand offs with ant-government militias, tracking down domestic terrorists, and thwarting bank robberies might sound like the perfect recipe for a popcorn thriller, but for retired FBI special agent Pete Collier, it was just another day at the office.

"It's been the greatest honor of my life to work within these walls and to work on

this mission," Collier, told the Portland Observer.

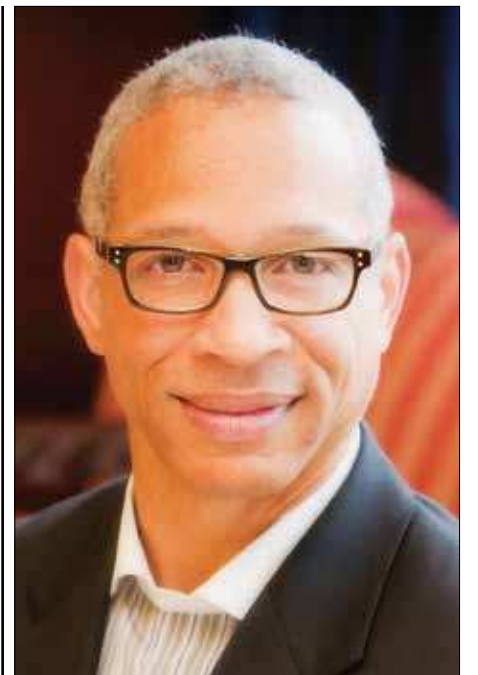
February marks Collier's first month of retirement from the bureau after 27 years with them. In that time, spent in San Francisco then later Portland, he's worked on a number of high profile cases that have captured the nation's attention as much as it has federal law enforcement's.

Now, at 55, just two years before the bu-

reau's mandatory retirement age kicks in, Collier is trading in his badge and gun for a hunting rifle and fishing rod.

Collier was born in Massachusettes, but grew up all over the world, bouncing from place to place as a U.S. Air Force brat. Germany, Florida, and Guam were just some of places he spent time in. It was hard for

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Rev. W. G. Hardy Jr.

## Dynamic Pastor Dies

Rev. W. G. Hardy Jr. was humble and inspiring

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Rev. W. G. Hardy Jr., a humble spiritual leader from Portland's African American community who inspired so many others with his dynamic sermons and lifelong service to his church and community, succumbed to a three year battle with kidney cancer on Friday.

Hardy, 60, was the senior pastor of the Highland Christian Center in north-east Portland for the past 22 years, a third generation preacher from a family of church pastors that included his late father and grandfather.

A thoughtful teacher and a spiritual advisor to countless members of the community, he helped grow a small Highland United Church of Christ congregation on Northeast Ninth and Going Street into one of the city's largest

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