

Community in Shock

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man, who they said was acting erratically. Other bystanders and community members said the opposite.

The incident sparked backlash among civil rights advocates, including the group PDX Resistance, who criticized the police's actions on social media, and from the American Civil Liberties Union of Oregon.

"Was there any attempt to de-escalate the situation before officers open fire inside the homeless shelter full of innocent bystanders? If not, why not?" wrote ACLU of Oregon Executive Director David Rodgers. "We join many in the community by calling for a prompt, thorough, and transparent investigation into this shooting. The public deserves to get a detailed account of why this man was shot and what actions

Portland Police took to avoid yet another fatal shooting."

The officers involved in the shooting were identified Tuesday. Interviews with the police involved were underway, authorities said.

City Team shelter Executive Director Mike Giering told the Portland Observer that they are "fully cooperating" with police on the investigation.

"We're obviously saddened by the tragedy that took place Saturday night. And for us it's mostly difficult because we as an organization exist to assist and serve people that are struggling with the issues of addiction and homelessness and mental illness," Giering said.

He said Elifritz had not received services from the shelter in the past.

Portland Police have been under scrutiny in recent years for their use of force against mentally ill people. A 2012 Department of Justice investigation found that the bureau was using too much force against those with mental illnesses. A report from October by outside consultants Rosenbaum & Associates noted a greater emphasis on verbal de-escalation techniques should be

integrated into police training. They were tasked with evaluating the bureau's use of force as part of the settlement agreement from the 2012 investigation.

Police Chief Danielle Outlaw released a statement Sunday afternoon acknowledging the officer-involved shooting and emphasizing that the police department will keep the public informed of details as the investigation unfolds.

"The Portland Police Bureau values human life and accepts the authority to use lethal force with great reverence," said Chief Outlaw. "I am aware a video was taken of this incident by a community member and that video was posted to the internet. Please be reminded that deadly force investigations are extremely complex and take time. The Police Bureau is committed to transparency and will ensure the entire investigation is released in a timely manner that does not impact the integrity of the investigation."

Mayor Ted Wheeler also released a statement Sunday night urging the public to "allow investigators to do their work, uncover the facts, and to report on their findings."



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"They would be pleased to see not only a building with a space, but as much space, and an easily accessible place that you've gotten today. I'm so glad that it's not in somebody's dining room like it was throughout my childhood," Rutherford remarked.

Modainé took over as president of the Portland NAACP a month ago when former President Jo Ann Hardesty stepped down to run for Portland City Council. As the former vice president of the organization, Modainé had been searching for a physical office for the group when Lloyd Center General Manager Bob Dye offered a space in the shopping center on the second floor, next to Marshall's.

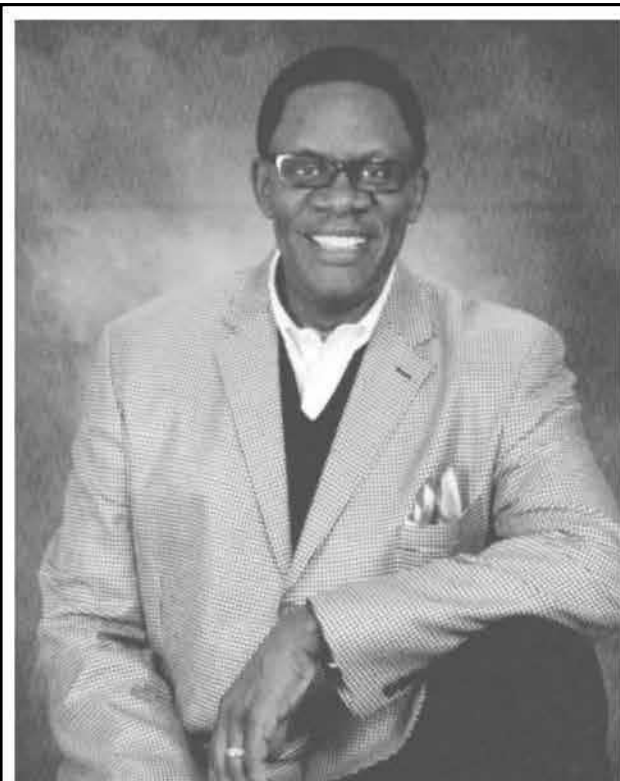
A pastor at Celebration Tabernacle Church and restaurateur of Po Shines Café, both centered in the historic Kenton dis-

trict in north Portland, Modainé has been committed to community service for the past three decades in Portland, feeding the homeless and building community.

Originally from St. Louis, Mo., the pastor said he's humbled to represent a civil rights organization he views as an integral part of African Americans' fight for equality, justice and having a voice.

Among Modainé's aspirations for leading the organization are to strengthen community ties, including those from African American clergy; to garner support for African Americans who've been displaced in housing by gentrification; to tackle the systemic racism that impacts people of color; and to increase efforts in the black community to increase voter registration, educational opportunities and advocacy.

Modainé hopes the new location will also increase the organization's presence in the black community and build branch membership.



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