

## Black Shoppers File Lawsuits

(AP) — Five lawsuits alleging racial profiling where black shoppers were approached or detailed on unfounded accusations of theft at businesses in the Portland area have been filed in the last month.

In one of the complaints, a pair of high school students describe being followed by the manager of a Sunglass Hut in a Portland mall last February, then being accused of theft. The manager later admitted he had misplaced the item he thought they stole, according to the suit.

In another, a man described having a bag grabbed and forcibly searched after leaving a clothing store in downtown Portland.

One complaint describes Jamaal Winchester, 38, being stopped and detained by a Walmart employee

as he left the store carrying a fishing rod.

In video, Winchester can be heard loudly objecting to the accusation, and saying that he would show his receipt to the police if they were called.

"She told me I stole," Winchester can be heard saying, pointing to a store employee. "I'll show the police my receipt."

Winchester is asking for \$55,000 for emotional suffering and attorney fees.

A spokesman for Walmart, wouldn't comment on specifics of the incident, citing the pending litigation, but said that the company was aware of the lawsuit, was taking it seriously and was doing a review of what took place.



Demonstrators encamp on the federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) building on Southwest Macadam Avenue to protest President Trump's immigration policies. (KATU photo)

## Not Backing Down

### Protestors encamped at ICE building

Federal law enforcement officers distributed notices Monday to protesters encamped outside the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) building on Southwest Macadam Avenue or-

dering them to vacate the property, under threat of arrest, even as the protesters called for more to join them.

"While demonstrators have a lawful right to assemble and voice their concerns, blocking the building's driveways or entrances are not permitted under federal law," U.S. Attorney for Oregon Billy J. Williams said.

The notice came a few hours af-

ter federal police officers entered the building in the dead of night to secure government property.

"Occupy ICE PDX" organized the protest to respond to the Trump Administration's recent "zero tolerance" immigration policy which has resulted in the separation of nearly 2,300 immigrant children from their parents arrested at the U.S.-Mexico border.

In another protest downtown, hundreds gathered on the steps

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### ICE Prisoners Supported

Hundreds of people gathered for a makeshift Sunday service outside the federal prison in Sheridan in solidarity with 123 men who are being held there after being arrested at the U.S.-Mexico border under President Trump's "zero tolerance" immigration policy. Some of the prisoners waved back, holding messages to the windows, and flags it appeared they had drawn themselves.

### Travel Ban Deemed Legal

The Supreme Court upheld President Trump's travel ban Tuesday in a 5-4 ruling along partisan lines, with Chief Justice John Roberts writing for the conservative majority. Justice Sonia Sotomayor, in a blistering dissent, said the court was wrong to ignore Trump's charged statements about Muslims to ban entry to the U.S. from seven majority Muslim countries. She also compared the opinion to the 1944 court opinion allowing the internment of Japanese-Americans during World War II.

### Guardsmen Disciplined

An Oregon Army National Guardsman is being disciplined for posting "they're lucky we ar-

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en't executing them" in response to a post on Facebook trying to raise donations to help immigrant families separated at the U.S.-Mexico border. A spokesman for the Oregon military department said Gerod Martin, 21, a military police officer from Salem admitted to the post.

### Annual Naked Bike Ride

The World Naked Bike Ride rolled through the streets of north and northeast Portland Saturday night, starting from Cathedral Park in St. Johns. Thousands of folks took off their clothes for the 6 mile bike ride to highlight the vulnerability of cyclists everywhere and decry society's dependence on pollution-based transport.



### Lillard Tweets Free Shoes

Portland Trail Blazers guard Damian Lillard tweeted Monday evening that he had shoes to give away for Portland kids "If you wear a size 12 or 12.5 meet me at Irving Park at 8 p.m. shoe giveaway." A U-Haul truck pulled

up at the appointed time and sure enough, Lillard appeared and began handing out shoes. After the shoes ran out, he began signing autographs.

### Fees for Vacation Rentals

The Portland City Council last week tacked two new fees on short-term vacation rentals, a \$4 a night booking fee, which would go toward housing and homeless initiatives, and an additional 2 percent fee, which would go toward tourism marketing. They come in addition to 11.5 percent lodging taxes already collected by Airbnb and other platforms on behalf of the rental operators.

### Joe Jackson Battles Cancer

Joe Jackson - father of Michael, Janet and their famous siblings - is now battling with terminal cancer. The 89-year-old patriarch entered the hospital last week in the end stages of cancer and was surrounded by his wife Katherine Jackson and other family members.

### Considering Presidential Run

U.S. Sen. Jeff Merkley, D-Ore., says he is considering a 2020 presidential run, confirming speculation that's been mounting for months. Merkley is riding a political high after his attacks on the Trump administration's policy of splitting up migrant families entering the country illegally.

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