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Student Union members at Portland State University on Monday were overseeing an encampment outside the PSU Public Safety Office as an "Occupy PSU" protest calling for disarming campus police enters its second week. The students also distributed literature and answered questions about their cause.

Occupy PSU Protest

Call to disarm campus security enters second week

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Portland State University students began a second week of camping outside the offices of the university's Public Safety Office on Monday to protest the campus officer-involved shooting death of Jason Washington and call out for the disarming of campus police entirely.

Washington, 45, a Portland African American father and grandfather, U.S. Navy Veteran and postal worker, was shot and killed by campus police on June 29 while trying to break up a fight

outside the Cheerful Tortoise near the urban campus.

The protesting students also are calling for the firing of the officers involved, and asking PSU to install and pay for a permanent memorial on the campus to recognize Washington's death.

Portland State Student Union member Kella Carlson, a junior at the school, said the over 2,000 signatures received so far for a petition in support of the student demands, "Just further shows that the community, students and faculty don't want campus security to be armed."

Carlson said the occupation of the campus security office has been "exhausting," citing the difficulty of scheduling around class obligations and sleep deprivation.

The two PSU officers who shot Washington were cleared of all criminal wrongdoing by a grand jury last month. Washington was shot as police responded to a disturbance outside the bar and Washington's lawfully-carried handgun fell out of his holster. When he went to pick up the gun, police told him to drop it and fired

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Man Killed in Police Response

Officers confronted man after hearing shots fired

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A community is in mourning even as many questions remain unanswered in the wake of an officer-involved shooting early Sunday that left one man dead. It happened around 3:30 a.m. at Southwest Third and Harvey Milk Street (formerly Stark) as police responded to civilian-on-civilian gunfire that left two others injured.

Patrick Kimmons, 27, died of police's gunshot wounds, the Oregon Medical Examiner confirmed.

Police said Kimmons was confronted by two officers who ap-

proached him after hearing gunshots in the vicinity. A gun was found near Kimmons and multiple other firearms were also found at the scene, police said.

The two other victims apparently were shot prior to police's arrival on the scene, and they later transported themselves to a local hospital for serious, but non-life threatening injuries. Police said they believe the initial shooting was between gang-related individuals.

It's unclear how many times police shot Kimmons, though police stated that multiple wit-

nesses of the incident are being interviewed, as well as an examination of a video recovered at the scene, as part of the investigation. Two other police officers also witnessed the shooting.

Letha Winston, Kimmons' mother, has started a gofundme page to help cover the family's funeral costs. In the description she states Kimmons was "shot more than 15 times in the back as well as his legs," but the claim was denied later by police. "This pain has to stop! I wouldn't wish this reali-

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