

Holiday Food Boxes Going Out

The Portland Police Bureau Sunshine Division has packed 3,800 holiday food boxes to help local families who struggle economically. Already accounted for, the food will be home delivered on Saturday in time for Christmas thanks to the help of hundreds of volunteers and two Portland Police Bureau precincts.

The boxes are supported by food and funding donations through Albertsons and Safeway stores, the Safeway Foundation, Wells Fargo Bank, the OCF Eddie Wilson Fund, Botsford & Sons Produce, Ventura Foods, Bob's Red Mill and Franz Bakery.

"The holiday food box program is not only a Sunshine Division tradition but a Portland tradition that has fed hundreds of thousands of local families over nine decades. It represents the best of the spirit of the holiday season and continues to grow and improve thanks to the support of the community," said Officer Matt Tobey, who oversees the Sunshine Division.



Portland Police Chief Danielle Outlaw and Police Officer Matt Tobey collect donations for holiday food boxes at the Police Bureau's Sunshine Division. The boxes will be delivered this weekend in time for Christmas with the help of hundreds of volunteers.

Shaken by Break-ins

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Arrow Coffeehouse, on the corner of Northeast Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and Alberta Street posted to its Instagram page video of a masked African-American man breaking through a glass door of the business Saturday morning.

Though there was no money in the shop and the burglar didn't take anything in this latest intrusion, the series of break-ins has rattled the owner, a 27-year old Latina mom named Erica Escalante, who has been helping the busi-

ness for the last six years.

"It is extremely unnerving and emotionally difficult to be woken up in the night to this kind of attack for the fourth time. I am 8 months pregnant with a family at home, and this has taken a toll [...] It's hard to sleep at night and the possibility of this person returning again is scary," Escalante said in a Facebook post Monday. She added that she hoped the suspected burglar "can receive help."

The latest break-in caused \$1,400 in damages, on top of the already thousands of dollars that resulted from the previous intru-

sions, Escalante told KPTV.

She urged community members to call Portland Police if anyone recognized the man, who she said was also captured on camera, without a face covering, a few weeks ago. Both times the man wore a puffy black jacket.

Though Escalante said police believe the man to be a local to the neighborhood, she stated the incident is not typical of the community.

"I absolutely do not believe that these acts are a reflection on our neighborhood and I really condemn that notion. We will be and have always been a neighborhood place and we really love our people surrounding us here."

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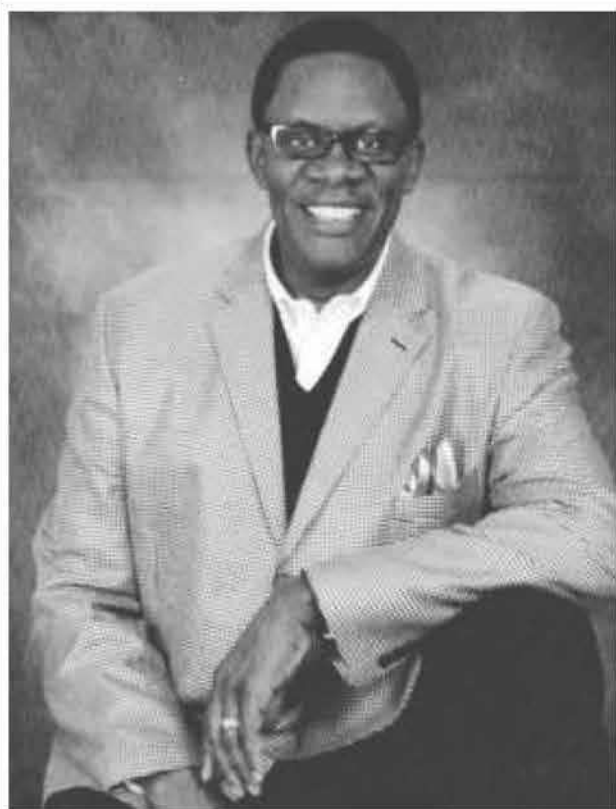
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