



Jermaine Massey (right) shared Instagram photos to show the Portland Hilton/Doubletree hotel security guard (left) who confronted him for "calling his mother while black." Massey had a room in the hotel but was on the phone in the lobby when he was approached by security and police called.

## Cops Called on Black Guest

A white security officer and another employee at the Portland Hilton/Doubletree who called police on a black man who was basically minding his own business while using a phone in the hotel lobby, were put on leave Friday after reports of the alleged racial profiling incident were shared across the country in Intragram photos and on news networks.

Jermaine Massey of Kent, Wash. said he was returning from a Travis Scott concert at the Moda Center around 11 p.m. on Dec. 22 and had made the phone call from a quiet part of the hotel lobby when the security guard, identified as Earl Meyers, began questioning his presence.

After Massey explained he was a guest

at the hotel and even showed Meyers his hotel key, the security guard continued interrogating him, calling him a "security threat," he said. Police were called and he was escorted to his room to pick up his belongings and then kicked out.

After Massey hired a Portland law firm, Kafoury & McDougal, to represent him and demanded a public apology, Double-Tree Portland GM Paul Peralta responded Friday morning in a statement.

He said the hotel, which is located across the street from Lloyd Center, "deeply regret[s]" the incident and the employees involved have been placed on administrative leave. Peralta added the chain has a "zero tolerance stance on discrimination of any kind."

## The Week in Review

### Hate Speech Vandalism

Two separate real estate offices on North Williams Avenue and Alberta Street were hit by vandals over the holidays. The front windows of Urban Nest Realty and Living Room Realty were spray painted with words like "die, gentrified and get out." Employees discovered the vandalism while returning to work after Christmas.

### Second Child Dies at Border

Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen Friday visited the Texas border city where an 8-year-old Guatemalan boy was detained with his father before dying in government custody. The child was the second to die while being held for Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Nielsen called the death "deeply concerning and heartbreaking" and requested medical help from other government agencies.



### Most Admired Woman



Michelle Obama was named the most admired woman in America in a new Gallup poll last week. Obama, who is currently touring to promote her autobiography, "Be-

coming," won by a significant margin, Gallup says, with Oprah Winfrey coming in second, followed by former First Lady and Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and current First Lady Melania Trump.



### Antarctica Crossing

A Portland man last week became the first person to cross Antarctica without assistance. Colin O'Brady, 33, set off in November on the nearly 1,000 mile crossing. He made the journey amid ridged, crevassed ice, high winds, temperatures dozens of degrees below zero and pulling a sled that weighed 375 pounds.



### Male Athlete of the Year

For the third time, LeBron James was selected last week as The Associated Press Male Athlete of the Year. James who reached the NBA finals for the eighth consecutive year in 2018, remained arguably the most dominate player in basketball. He joined the Los Angeles Lakers in the biggest move of free agency over the summer.

### Stadium Plans Gain Steam

A new letter of intent spells out the financial considerations between the Port of Portland and a group seeking to build a stadium for Major League Baseball on industrial land in northwest Portland. The private developers will pay up to \$1.5 million over two years to exclusively negotiate redevelopment of the waterfront site. The group would then pay the Port at least \$900,000 a year as they build out the property.

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