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# Grand Jury Clears Officers

More light has been shed on two fatal shootings in Portland from January, one by a police officer and the other a private security officer, as a grand jury ruled last week ruled that the shootings were in self defense and the jury transcripts became public.

Eugene Pharr Jr. was killed outside a southeast Portland strip club on Jan. 15; and Andre Gladen, 36, a legally blind and mentally ill man, was shot dead by a Portland Police officer after intruding into someone's home. For the first time, the grand jury transcripts show he was holding the officer's knife at the time.

After wrestling with Gladen on the floor, the officer testified he then fired a stun gun at him. Gladen went down, but when he got up again holding the officer's knife from his vest. The officer testified



Eugene Pharr Jr.



Andre Gladen

he fired at Gladen three times, killing him.

The Police Bureau previously had not acknowledged the knife

involved was police-issue, though it directed its officers to no longer carry knives on their outer vests during the investigation.

# Lawsuit in Police Shooting

The family of a man killed in a confrontation with Portland Police two years ago has filed a lawsuit against the city and the officers and supervisors involved.

The family claims Terrell Johnson, 24, was experiencing a mental health crisis, for which he unsuccessfully sought help from medical providers, when an encounter with Portland Police at the Flavel MAX station in southeast Portland ended in his death on May 10, 2017.



Terrell Johnson

Portland Police responded to a 911 call from a woman who said Terrell chased her teenage neighbor off of the transit platform. A West Linn Transit Division police officer then confronted Johnson, who told the officer he had a knife.

The lawsuit alleges that Portland Police Officer Samson Ajir acted against Police Bureau directives when he gave chase on foot. Ajir was later cleared of all criminal charges by a Multnomah County Grand Jury.

## PSU President Resigns

Portland State University President Rahmat Shoureshi resigned



Friday several weeks after allegations of ethical shortcomings, a l l e g e d misuse of a PSU fund for private gain, bullying and improperly influencing a decision to tear down and re-build a historic mansion on campus. The PSU Board of Trustees offered him a generous severance package that included seven months of paid leave.

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## Carson on Undocumented

Housing Secretary Ben Carson's plan to make it harder for undocumented immigrants to live in federally subsidized housing advanced Friday. The proposal, which has a 60-day comment period before taking effect, would displace some 76,000 legal residents or citizens—including

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55,000 children who are in the country legally.

### Washington Time Change

Washington Gov. Jay Inslee signed a measure last week that would make daylight saving time permanent in the state if national law is altered to allow it. The measure would only take effect is legislation allowing states to observe daylight saving time year-round is passed by Congress.

### Dentist Vaccines Approved

Oregon is the first state to allow dentists to administer any vaccine available at a primary care doctor's office, thanks to a bill signed into law last week. Vaccines relevant to oral health such as HPV, which is a common link among a large percentage of oral cancers, may be the most practical application of the bill, which would allow a dentist to educate

patients about the worth of the vaccine then administer it onsite.

### Snubbed by Red Sox Players

President Trump's White House welcoming of the 2018 World Series champion Boston Red Sox was clouded by the absence of most of the team's Latino and African American players, who did not attend the Thursday event over disagreements with Trump's politics. Team Manager Alex Cora, a native of Puerto Rico, also sat out in protest against the president's treatment of the island after two devastating hurricanes.

### Drug Price Hiking Scheme

Oregon Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum joined 43 states in a lawsuit Friday against Teva Pharmaceuticals and 19 of the largest manufacturers of generic drugs alleging they worked to restrain trade, reduce competition, and inflate and manipulate prices in a broad conspiracy for more than 100 different generic drugs, which include ones that treat basic infections, diabetes, cancer, HIV, ADHD, and more.