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Demetria Hester speaks at Jeremy Christian's sentencing on Tuesday.

Killer Taunts Victim

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As Hester was making her victims statement, she told Christian "You are a waste of breath and when you die and go to hell, I hope you rot." He then erupted out of his chair and started shouting profanity at her. The judge ordered him removed, and as he was whisked out of the courtroom by sheriff's deputies, he yelled out to Hester, "I should have killed you!"

Multnomah County Judge Cheryl Albrecht told Christian he had been warned not to be disruptive and she would not allow him to return to the courtroom for the rest of the hearing. But after other witnesses indicted they wanted

Christian to hear their victim testimonies, she allowed Christian to be connected by video only while seated in another room. That caused another delay.

Hester also spoke to the injustice against African American like herself, accusing the criminal justice system, police and the judge in the case of bias against people who are black, accommodating a white defendant rights to espouse white supremacy speech over the terror it causes.

Christian could be sentenced to life in prison with no chance of parole for the first degree murders of Taliesin Namkai-Meche, 23, and Ricky Best, 53. But defense attorneys say the judge can only hand him a life sentence with the

possible of release after 30 years, claiming the law is unconstitutional and ignores past Supreme Court decisions.

Christian was found guilty earlier this year on 12 counts, including those murders and attempted murder, as well as assault and intimidation.

Sentencing was originally scheduled for March but was canceled and rescheduled due to the coronavirus pandemic. Only 19 people were in Judge Albrecht's courtroom Tuesday in an effort to ensure physical distancing is maintained during the proceeding.

The sentencing hearing was scheduled to resume Wednesday morning.

Toppled in Protest

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cally prominent African American school and neighborhood.

The school has also had other discussions about removing the statute and/or changing the school's name, but black residents and others had differing opinions and no long term determination

was ever made.

The "action" to remove the statute without permission by protesters, puts the issue back before the school community and neighborhood, the principal said.

"We're working it through," Calvert told the Portland Observer. "It's complicated. It's important to listen to the black community. We

have to unpack what's going on. The goal is to heal ultimately."

Calvert said the nightly protests against unjust racism and police brutality in Portland, entering the fourth week on Monday after the Memorial Day police custody death of George Floyd in Minneapolis and other killings of African Americans at the hands of police, "Is bringing racism into focus. We are in a defining moment."

Employee Claims Racism by Supervisor

A former Fred Meyer employee who says he was fired after he complained about a pattern of racism at work has filed a \$2 million lawsuit against the grocery store chain.

Michael Mangum, who is 26 and African American, says in the lawsuit filed last week that he and other employees complained to higher ups, but Fred Meyer retaliated by ending his employment. Mangum worked in the produce department of the Interstate store from 2014 to 2019, according to

his suit.

Among other racist comments, Mangum's suit says his manager had commented to him that the African American shoppers were buying up the watermelons and collard greens and when he saw black women shopping he would tell Mangum that his mother was in the store, according to the lawsuit. The manager said it was a joke, according to an investigation by the Oregon Bureau of Labor and Industries.

The state agency sided with

Mangum finding "substantial evidence" that Mangum was "subjected to increased scrutiny" after he complained, and that Mangum "was terminated as a result."

In a response to BOLI, Fred Meyer said it gave the manager a verbal warning about one comment. The BOLI investigator found that Fred Meyer's response to the manager -- or at least the file documenting the company's response -- was lacking.

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