

Driver Rampage Kills

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the driver's actions did show intent to hit and injure people. The driver's name and charges will be released when he is released from hospital care and booked into jail, officials said.

According to Portland Police Bureau spokesperson Derek Carmon, police received a call shortly after 1 p.m. that a driver had hit a pedestrian. Additional calls then came from people saying a person driving the same suspect vehicle, a Honda Element, was striking other people and vehicles, he said. Larry Wolfe told reporters that he had an appointment to meet the person who was killed, a woman in her 70s. He said he saw her get hit by the car and scream, and was walking toward her when the car came back, hit her again, did a U-turn and dragged her along the pavement.

Covering Up Misdeeds

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harm and public censure to share their truths; those who worked for free; those harmed by his depraved sense of entitlement, those Black women - like me - who stood tall and unbowed before his spiteful misogyny and vicious disrespect, then I might listen to his words.

When he stops turning everything toward himself, then he might be able to really appreciate those of us who put him out and pledged to let accountability, integrity and transparency come in.

Only then might he correctly compliment and honestly congratulate us.

Sharon Gary-Smith, President Portland NAACP 1120-B branch

Harder to Trust the Police

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lice after making a U-turn by the White House. Where was their restraint, then?

Yet hundreds or thousands of rioters were able to enter the U.S. Capitol chanting "this is our house," compromising the safety and security of lawmakers and the American people. Many have still not been brought to justice.

How are Black Americans supposed to support this system of policing? As James Baldwin said,

"We can disagree and still love each other — unless our disagreement is rooted in my oppression and denial of my humanity and right to exist."

After this national disgrace, we must examine if the institution built to "protect" the people truly protects the interests of all people — and if not, reallocate its funds accordingly.

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Vaccine Timelines Change

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The Oregon Health Authority said that there are approximately 105,000 teachers and other K-12 school staff and 47,000 early learning and childcare staff who are eligible for a vaccine starting this week.

Health officials predict that by the end of the first week of May, nearly 80% of seniors will be vaccinated.

"We have been navigating this pandemic for almost a year," Brown said. "I am asking seniors to hold tight and to stay safe for just a few more weeks."

Street Response Begins Mission

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sioner, thanked Chief Boone and Fire & Rescue members, saying they enthusiastically stepped forward to make the Street Response Team a reality. She also thanked Mayor Wheeler for his support and collaboration.

"This project is a marathon, not a sprint, and I thank everyone for their patience while we build something from the ground up. I'm excited to see what we will discover during this pilot program that will inform how we make this the best program we can for the whole city," she said.

Officials said during the pilot period, community members in Lents may request Street Re-

sponse, but 911 dispatchers have a list of questions they will ask to determine which responder is most appropriate to send: Police, Fire, Portland Street Response, or AMR ambulance service. If the call fits the criteria for Portland Street Response to respond, dispatchers will alert the team and send them to the call.

"We're excited to start training to get our team on the ground and start responding to calls, said Program Manager Robyn Burek. "This project is a collaborative effort between many bureaus and agencies; this pilot is our opportunity to learn and finesse the program so it can serve constituents effectively when we roll it out to the rest of the city."

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