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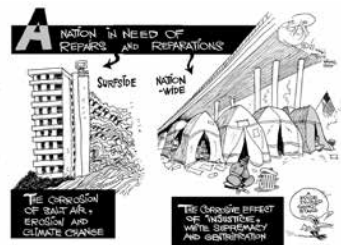


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Bullets Fly; Homes Hit



Portland Police mark where up to 80 bullets and bullet fragments landed during a Saturday night shooting on Northeast Seventh and Wygant Street, near King Elementary School.

Shooting scene finds 80 cartridge casings

Portland Police officers assigned to North Precinct responded to a massive shots fired call on Northeast 7th Avenue and Wygant Saturday night, July 3. The firepower littered the pavement with bullets and struck at least four homes in the vicinity of King Elementary School.

When officers arrived they contacted witnesses and found evidence of a shooting,

including over 80 cartridge casings. Four apartments had been hit by gunfire, including occupied homes, police said. At least four vehicles were also hit by bullets.

Police did not find anyone who had been wounded. The suspects fled prior to police arriving.

Officials said the Portland Police Enhanced Community Safety Team (ECST) responded to investigate.

To date there have been approximately 579 shooting incidents in the City of Portland in 2021, more than

twice the number during the same time in 2020.

If anyone has information about this latest case, they are encouraged to reference case 21-181233 and e-mail crimetips@portlandoregon.gov.

Anonymous tips can be sent through Crime Stoppers. Crime Stoppers of Oregon offers cash rewards of up to \$2,500 cash for information, reported to Crime Stoppers, that leads to an arrest in any unsolved felony crime and tipsters can remain anonymous.

Heat Deaths Rise to 67

County to study emergency response

The Multnomah County Medical Examiner reported Monday that the number of deaths from last week's record-breaking heat wave had risen to 64. The deaths were identified between June 27 and July 3, which included three straight days of record-breaking temperatures of 108, 112 and 116 in Portland.

The preliminary snapshot shows the people who died ranged in age from 44 to 97, with an average age of 68. The majority were white. Many were found in their homes, with no air conditioning or fans, official said. Statewide, a total of 107 Oregonians suffered deaths related to the heat wave, officials said.

Of the deaths in Multnomah County, 30 were formally ruled hyperthermia or death by excessive heat. The remaining cases are suspected hyperthermia.

Multnomah County Chair Deborah Kafoury said the county will be conducting a much deeper analysis of what happened during the historic heat wave and how to plan for the future.

The county mounted what it called an all-hands-on-deck public health response to the heat crisis.



Deborah Kafoury

Three 24-hour cooling centers were opened and officials said they contacted tens of thousands of vulnerable elders, people with disabilities and pregnant women, distributing hundreds of fans and sending more than 60 outreach teams into the field to reach people experiencing homelessness.

The additional investigation into "this mass casualty event is needed to bring what is still a very blurry picture into sharp focus," officials said.

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