

\$25,000 Reward Offered in Shooting



Makayla Maree Harris

The FBI has offered a reward of up to \$25,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible for the murder of Makayla Maree Harris, an 18-year-old, who was killed in a mass shooting, downtown.

Police believe Harris was the unintended target in a gang related shooting that took place around 2 a.m. on July 17 on Southwest Third Avenue between Harvey Milk and Washington streets.

When they arrived, police found seven people wounded by gunfire. The shooters fired from a car in

the street before it sped away. It is also believed that many potential witnesses ran off after the shooting and may not have provided information to investigators.

“Innocent people pay a heavy price when violent criminal gangs battle on our streets. Those clashes – facilitated by the constant buying, selling, trading, and stealing of weapons – have helped to drive the homicide rate in Portland to record highs,” said Kieran L. Ramsey, Special Agent in Charge of the FBI in Oregon.

Makayla’s mother, Felicia Martinez called her daughter, a recent high school graduate, a beautiful, happy person.

“I know someone out there knows who did this, please do the right thing and help hold the person or persons accountable for their actions. We deserve closure and Makayla who had her innocent life taken deserves justice,” said a statement from Martinez.

If anyone has information, witnessed any part of what happened, or has video of anything that happened prior to, during, or after the shooting, they are asked to contact Portland Police by emailing crimetips@portlandoregon.gov or contacting the FBI at 1 (800) CALL-FBI or at tips.fbi.gov.



Highland Christian Center will honor Senior Pastor and First Lady, Dr. Shon and Madeline Neyland for two plus years of service during a special celebration, Sunday, Nov. 7 at 10 a.m.

Building Community

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congregation every Sunday, Dr. Neyland met with Gov. Brown to present a strategic plan for opening Oregon’s churches. Joined by a select group of other church leaders in a second meeting, eventually, a modified version of the plan was enacted and Highland again, along with other churches, opened its doors to the people in December of 2020 as the restrictions were loosened.

“Has it been easy?” questions First Lady Madeline, “Absolutely not. But has it affected us? It has. But when you look at the fruit of your labor, down the line and then you look back, it’s well worth it.”

While many churches remain closed, Highland continues to grow. Highland has a lot to celebrate. The theme of the upcoming Pastor’s Appreciation service is “Celebrating God’s Shepherd and Servant.” Isaiah 40:11 says, “He shall feed his flock like the shepherd: he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry them in his bosom, and shall lead those that are with young.” Minister Lamont Williams will lead a special community choir in praise and worship and Rebecca Huffman will perform the sermonic solo.

For more information, call the Highland Christian Center at 503-287-9567.

Black Arts Center Proposed

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honored.

The plans reflect the vision of a more inclusive parks and recreation system, Rubio said.

The Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center is an historic community arts center located at 5340 N. Interstate Ave. It has a theater

which seats nearly 100 people, a rehearsal studio, and art gallery.

The center’s advisory panel has been meeting for three years to help determine an enduring framework for the site which fulfills its original goals and is programmatically and financially sustainable, officials said.

With that in mind, the committee

proposes that the existing site and building be redeveloped and expanded as a center for the arts and culture of Portland’s Black community, and as a showcase for its historical and cultural contributions.

The City has issued a Request For Proposals for a feasibility study which will produce market, financial, and operational analyses to determine a sustainable operating plan for the community resource.



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