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Oregon's First Black Member of Congress

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Oregon," Bynum said at a press conference last Friday. "But it took all of us working together to flip this seat, and we delivered a win for Oregon. We believed in a vision and we didn't take our feet off the gas until we accomplished our goals."

Chavez-DeRemer conceded the race Thursday, the day that The Associated Press declared Bynum the winner.

"I'm deeply grateful for the opportunity I had to serve as Oregonians' voice in Congress," Chavez-DeRemer said in a statement posted on her social media. "Although this isn't the outcome we had hoped for, I'm proud of what we accomplished together." The contest was seen as a GOP toss up by the Cook Political Report, meaning either party had a good chance of winning. Bynum had previously defeated Chavez-DeRemer when they faced off in state legislative elections.

Chavez-DeRemer narrowly won the seat in 2022, which was the first election held in the district after its boundaries were

significantly redrawn following the 2020 census.

The district now encompasses disparate regions spanning metro Portland and its wealthy and working-class suburbs, as well as rural agricultural and mountain communities and the fast-growing central Oregon city of Bend on the other side of the Cascade Range. Registered Democratic voters outnumber Republicans by about 25,000 in the district, but unaffiliated voters represent the largest constituency.

A small part of the district is in Multnomah County, where a ballot box just outside the county elections office in Portland was set on fire by an incendiary device about a week before the election, damaging three ballots. Authorities said that enough material from the incendiary device was recovered to show that the Portland fire was also connected to two other ballot drop box fires in neighboring Vancouver, Washington, one of which occurred on the same day as the Portland fire and damaged hundreds of ballots.

LOCAL NEWS

Victim in Hazelwood Neighborhood Shooting Identified

Investigators Asking Anyone with Information to Come Forward

On Saturday, November 9, 2024 at 2:06 a.m., Portland Police Officers assigned to East Precinct responded to a report of a shooting inside an apartment in the 00 block of Northeast 146th Avenue. When officers arrived they located an adult female deceased at the scene. An injured male was transported to the hospital with non-life threatening injuries. Following the shooting call, Michael J. English, 33, of Portland, was undergoing treatment at Oregon Health and Science University Hospital for injuries connected to the shooting on Southeast 146th Avenue. At about 9:45 a.m., he



Portrait of Angel Geib

was permitted to change clothes in private, but took advantage of the situation and fled out of the room. PPB launched an immediate search, and brought in resources including Air Support Unit, the drone unit, and K9 unit. OHSU Police and VA Hospital Police also partnered on the search to locate English. Shortly before 11:00 a.m., VA Police lo-

cated and arrested English, and he was transferred back to PPB officers. He was then interviewed by Homicide Detectives.

English was booked into the Multnomah County Detention Center on the Manslaughter in the First Degree and Felon in Possession of a Firearm. The woman killed in a shooting in the Hazelwood Neighborhood has been identified as 40-year-old Angel Geib. Family has been notified of her death. They are requesting privacy at this time, but they did provide the attached photo for public release.

The Medical Examiner determined Geib died of homicide by gunshot wound. Anyone with information, who has not spoken with investigators, is asked to contact Detective Ryan Foote at ryan.foote@police.portlandoregon.gov, (503) 823-0781 or Detective Matt Brown at matthew.brown@police.portlandoregon.gov (503) 823-0859 and reference case number 24-287452.

25K Reward Offered in Ballot Box Fire Case

FBI Seeks Tips to Identify Suspect

The FBI's Seattle Field Office is offering a reward of up to \$25,000 for information leading to the identification, arrest, and conviction of the person responsible setting incendiary fires at two ballot boxes in Vancouver, Washington, and one in Portland, Oregon.

On October 8, 2024, between 3:30 and 4:00 a.m., an unknown individual placed an improvised incendiary device on a ballot drop box in Vancouver, Washington. Subsequently, on October 28, 2024, between 2:00 and 4:00 a.m., improvised incendiary devices were placed on ballot drop boxes in Vancouver, Washington, and Portland, Oregon.

A surveillance camera captured images of an early 2003 to 2004 Volvo S-60 sedan, dark in color, with dark wheels and a light-colored interior, driven by the suspect believed to responsi-



A damaged ballot drop box is displayed during a news conference at the Multnomah County Elections Division office, Oct. 28, 2024, in Portland, Ore. (AP Photo/Jenny Kane, File)

ble for these crimes. The vehicle does not have a Volvo logo on the front grill. At the time of the October 28, 2024, incidents, the vehicle also displayed a fraudulent temporary Washington license plate on the rear and no front license plate. The plate, which is not associated with a Volvo, may no longer be on the vehicle.

The driver of the vehicle is described as a White male, approximately 30 to 40 years old with thinning hair. It is believed that he may have some experience with metal work and welding.

Anyone with information is asked to call your nearest FBI office, provide information online at tips.fbi.gov, or call 1-800-CALL-FBI (1-800-225-5324).