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Community Police Commission, which would be a civilian oversight body.

Court oversight would continue for five years, but the city could ask to end the scrutiny earlier if it has complied with the

said.

Surveillance cameras and police-cruiser videos had captured officers beating civilians, including stomping on a prone Latino man who was mistakenly thought to be a robbery suspect,

other community groups called for scrutiny of the department after a Seattle officer shot and killed the woodcarver, John T. Williams, in 2010.

Video from Officer Ian Birk's patrol car showed Williams crossing the

spokesman for the American Civil Liberties Union of Washington state, was also pleased.

"The city and the DOJ appear to have taken our concerns about excessive force, racially biased policing and flaws in the oversight system seriously," Honig said. "The implementation is what's going to matter."

Since the beginning of 2010, the Justice Department's civil rights division has previously reached settlements to reform police practices in New Orleans and in Warren, Ohio.

It has sued the Maricopa County, Arizona, sheriff's office and the East Haven, Connecticut, police department for a pattern and practice of discrimination against Latinos and Hispanics.

Associated Press writers Gene Johnson in

## 'Hi! My Name Is Loco and I Am a Racist'

Book Review  
by Kam Williams

Baye "Loco" McNeil is an African-American who took a most unorthodox path to discovering, confronting and eradicating the racism he found within himself. Born in Bed-Stuy, Brooklyn, he was raised by parents with a Pan-African ideology, which led to the lad's joining a cult as a teenager which preached black superiority.

But after serving in the U.S. Army and earning a B.A. at Long Island University, Baye ventured to Japan where he would teach English for 8 years. And in the Land of the Rising Sun, he found himself subjected to a vicious brand of bigotry that made him feel like a social pariah.

For instance, none of the locals would sit next to him whenever he rode the subway, even if the car was crowded. In a chapter entitled "An Empty Seat on a Crowded Train" he recounts how an overprotective mother had hissed "Abunai!" (Japanese for "dangerous") while yanking her 4 year-old daughter back to her feet rather than allow the child to spend one second in the vicinity of a "gaijin" ("foreigner") with dark skin, thereby indoctrinating the impressionable young girl in the ways of discrimination at an early age.

Such routine displays of contempt on the part of fellow commuters day-in and day-out left Baye in a helpless state of "impotent hate" as if these strangers were spitting in his face. No matter how much he tried to ignore it, or play it down as merely the consequence of a homogenous culture, it still bothered him because it was clear that white Americans were being treated very differently.

He knew that the Japanese had bought into a bunch of stereotypes about black people which allowed them to think things like: "We don't like you. We don't trust you. We think you're a bad person, a pitiful person, an inferior human lacking morality. You steal. You habitually womanize and rape. You commit violent acts against innocent people like us as a matter of course."

What is surprising is that Baye wasn't embittered by all the years of relentless ostracism, but rather he came to see the empty subway seat beside him as a gift. For, through introspection, he realized that he had to work on his own prejudices about whites, Asians and others, and he evolved to the point where today he takes on racism of any form every time he encounters it.

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Hi! My Name Is Loco and I Am a Racist  
by Baye McNeil  
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## Talks between Seattle officials and the Justice Department had been hung up after city officials initially balked at some federal proposals for reform

agreements for two years.

"This city is committed to eliminating bias," McGinn said.

Perez said the agreement could serve as a way to help reduce crime and increase public confidence in the city's police officers.

"We must continue to be well aware of the very raw feelings that many Seattle residents continue to have toward the Seattle Police Department," Perez

and an officer kicking a non-resisting black youth in a convenience store.

The earlier Justice Department report found that force was used unconstitutionally one out of every five times an officer resorted to it. The department failed to adequately review the use of force and lacked policies and training related to the use of force, it said.

The American Civil Liberties Union and

street holding a piece of wood and a small knife, and Birk exiting the vehicle to pursue him. Off-camera, Birk quickly shouted three times for Williams to drop the knife then fired five shots. The knife was found folded at the scene, but Birk later maintained Williams had threatened him. Birk resigned from the force and was not charged. A review board found the shooting unjustified.

Doug Honig,

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