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## RICHARD McIVER



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## City Mourns Storied Leader

Former Seattle City Commissioner Richard McIver, 1941-2013

After years of serious health problems, former City Commissioner Richard McIver died Saturday night at age 71.

The cause of death has not been reported, but McIver survived a heart attack while in office in 1998, and underwent surgery for prostate cancer in 2000. More recently he survived a stroke.

He was born on June 14, 1941 to Mildred Artis-McIver and William McIver, II, and attended Horace Mann Elementary School.

McIver graduated from James A. Garfield High School, and earned a BA in Community Development, with major emphasis in finance and urban planning, from Western Washington University, Fairhaven College in Bellingham. There he was given the "Distinguished Alumnus" honor in 2003.

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Sunday. "My thoughts are with his family and his friends. He will be missed."

McIver was both beloved and at times reviled. Although he was re-elected three times after being appointed to office in 1997, many bios published since his death focus on his two biggest scandals while in office: an alleged ethics violation in 2008 and a controversial 2007 domestic violence incident in which his wife first called 9-1-1 then called back a few minutes later to try dis-

suading officers from responding; in that case he was arrested but all charges were dropped.

The two incidents marred a long and storied career in politics which saw the Seattle native champion the rights of at-risk communities in areas ranging from gentrification to police accountability, affordable housing and transportation equity.

But it was another memorable incident that cemented

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## Did PTSD Lead to Death?

Seattle mom on phone with son as Portland police shoot

SEATTLE (Associated Press and staff reports) — The mother of a man fatally wounded by police in Portland, Ore., said she was on the phone with her son when it happened.

Antoinette Cisneros told KING-TV in Seattle that her son spoke his final words to her and then she heard gunfire.

"I heard everything until the time he was killed," said Antoinette Cisneros told the television station.

Police said Santiago A. Cisneros III, 32, had a shotgun and fired at them when they encountered him on a parking lot roof in northeast Portland on the night of March 4. Officers said they returned fire.

Cisneros died at a Portland hospital. No officers were injured.

He was an Iraq war veteran who had talked about the challenges of post-traumatic stress disorder. Cisneros lived in Seattle but was visiting family in Portland last week.

His mother said she called him late Monday night but didn't know where he was at the time. She later learned he was driving up a Portland parking garage.

Moments later, he told her on the phone that he loved her and stepped out of the car, she said.

"He said, 'Forgive me, mom. Mom, I love you. I love you, mom.' And I said, 'Mijo, don't leave, don't go away. I hear you going away from the car,'" Antoinette Cisneros told KING-TV.

Soon she heard gunfire, followed by another man's voice.

"He said 'stop,'" she recalled. "And then I heard him again say 'stop.'"

Portland police said the shooting unfolded quickly after Santiago Cisneros approached the two officers.

"Within seconds, they're confronted by this guy with a shotgun and shots were fired," police spokesman Sgt. Pete Simpson said last week. "The officers returned fire and knocked him to the ground."

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## Military Struggles with Stress Diagnoses

Report details flaws in Army's handling of behavioral health issues

By Gene Johnson Associated Press

SEATTLE (AP) An Army report released Friday finds the service still has trouble diagnosing and treating soldiers for post-traumatic stress disorder, despite more than doubling its number of military and civilian behavioral health workers over the past five years.

Confusing paperwork, inconsistent training and guidelines, and incompatible data systems have hindered the service as it tries to deal with behavioral health issues, the report said. It's a crucial issue: After a decade of war, soldier suicides outpace combat deaths.

Last May, the Army commissioned a task force to conduct a sweeping review of how it evaluates soldiers for mental health prob-

lems at all its facilities. The review came under pressure from Democratic Sen. Patty Murray, of Washington, who was upset to learn that hundreds of soldiers at Madigan Army Medical Center south of Seattle had had their PTSD diagnoses reversed by a forensic psychiatry team, resulting in a potential cut to their benefits and questions

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