

White Anti-Diversity Protesters Target Portland IRCO

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A small group of protesters displayed anti-immigrant signs outside the entrance to the Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization Monday morning.

Around 9:30 a.m. July 7, a handful of people, including a child, arrived at IRCO's offices on 103rd and N.E. Glisan Street, said Margaret Malarkey, the nonprofit's community relations specialist. The group had signs, with white supremacist messages

Portlanders settle in the United States and become productive citizens. The nonprofit serves families and children, placing about 800 people in jobs, annually. IRCO's clients come from all over the world including Africa, Asia, and Eastern Europe.

"We were concerned that our clients might be harassed," Malarkey said. "I went out and talked with them and they said they were here to let people know that immigration is an attack on the white race and white genocide."

The group was handing out flyers with messages against diversity, claiming that

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The largest sign said: "Diversity = White Genocide." Other signs said "Google white genocide," " and "Globalism is imperialism."

IRCO works with about 1,000 refugees and immigrants every year, helping new

anti-racist equals anti-white.

Malarkey said the protesters disappeared shortly after staff called police to the clinic. Protest is allowed on public sidewalks, Malarkey said, but a permit is needed. If the protesters return, she said, IRCO staff will be outside when clients arrive to make sure

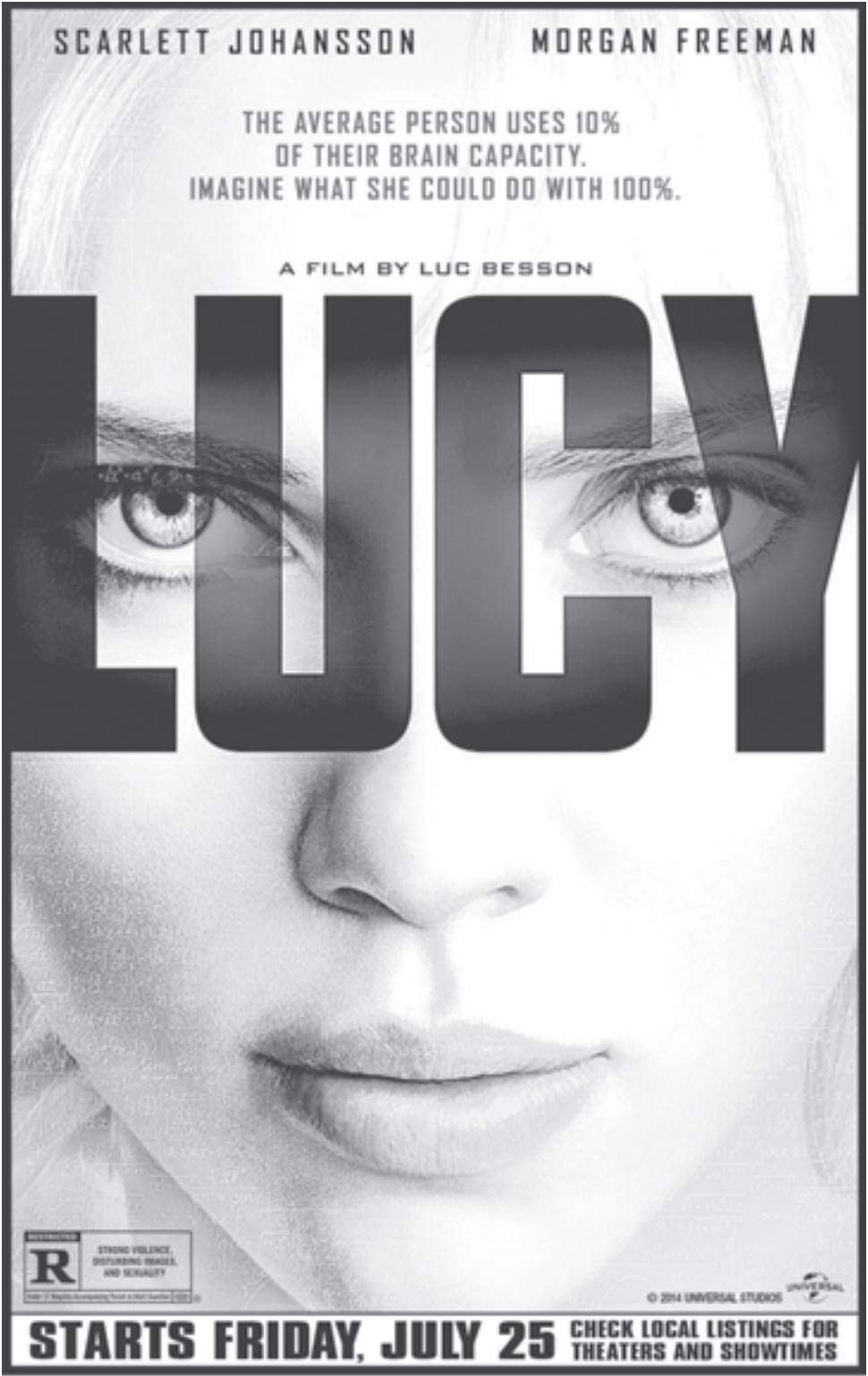


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"The first thing we are going to do is to ask them if they have a protest permit," she said.

A website named the white genocide project lists numerous grievances against immigration worldwide.



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But Grigsby expressed no regret for white supremacist beliefs, only the effect her crimes would have on their public perception.

"My actions have further damaged the reputation of a movement misunderstood," she said "I deeply regret this."

Grigsby and her boyfriend — David "Joey" Pedersen — were arrested in 2011 following the deaths of four people: Peder-

sen's father and stepmother in Everett, Washington, an Oregon teenager and a California man.

Grigsby pleaded guilty in March to racketeering charges connected to the four killings, and the plea agreement called for a life sentence with no chance for release. Joey Pedersen has pleaded guilty to two counts of carjacking resulting in death — one for the death of teenager Cody Myers on the Oregon coast and the other for the killing of Reginald Clark in Eureka, California. He will be sentenced to life in prison at an Aug. 4 hearing in federal court. He previously pleaded guilty in Washington state court to murder in the slayings of David "Red" Pedersen and Leslie "Dee Dee" Pedersen and was sentenced to life in prison.

Dee Dee Pedersen's daughter, Lori Nemitz, told Grigsby in court that the murders were heinous and "beyond cruel," and made no sense since Grigsby had been welcomed into the home as family.

"I hugged you for God's sake," Nemitz said.

Pedersen is the founder of a white supremacist prison gang, and he told Grigsby about his desire to start a revolution with a killing rampage targeting Jewish leaders. It started on Sept. 26, 2011, when Joey Pedersen shot his father in the back of the head while the elder Pedersen was driving, authorities said. Red Pedersen moved and moaned for at least 30 minutes before dying, prosecutors said.

Pedersen and Grigsby returned to the house. Dee Dee Pedersen was bound with duct tape, cut in the neck and left to bleed to death. "Animals are treated more humanely going to slaughter than your victims were," said Holly Perez, the daughter of Red Pedersen and sister of Joey Pedersen. The couple then drove Red Pedersen's vehicle south into Oregon, where they shot and killed 19-year-old Myers and stole his car, authorities said. They shot Myers, who was Christian, because his name sounded Jewish, according to court documents.

Pedersen and Grigsby then headed to Northern California, where Clark, a 53-year-old black man, was shot to death.

Grigsby and Pedersen were arrested Oct. 5, 2011, outside Yuba City, California, when a police officer spotted them in Myers' car. Grigsby told officers they were on their way to Sacramento to "kill more Jews," court documents said.

Prosecutors said Grigsby has been a white supremacist since her early teens, and did not fall under Pedersen's spell.

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