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the 2700 block of Southeast 125th Avenue that erupted in gunfire. One bullet struck 23-year-old Carlos Antonio Barerra in the stomach; he's expected to survive.

That same day, Tyrone Allen, 23, was arrested by police. He's accused of another shooting near Northeast 102nd Avenue and Prescott Street the preceding day. The gunfire yielded no victims but did damage a car in the area.

Third was the fatal – but acci-

A memorial fund for Sleeper's funeral has been launched by his family and can be found here. (<https://www.giveforward.com/fundraiser/rs08/the-ej-kincaid-funeral-memorial-fund>)

Last year, Portland-native James Crittenden Sr. a former gang-member put out a similar call for peace in a video that showed him embracing a former rival.

That video released in August, 2014, received thousands of

**'The violence has to stop. It will take a combination of hard work, faith and bravery to stop this destructive cycle'**

dental – shooting of Beketel Elbelau Sleeper, affectionally called 'EJ' by associates. Sleeper's friend, 21-year-old Isaiah Horatio Hayes, fired off a round while the two sat in a car with other friends.

shares in a matter of days.

"It takes a real man or a real woman to do this," Crittenden says. "If you can approach someone and let them know, 'I'm sorry about what I did.' Or if they did

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well as one other person of color who claims he and his partner were refused service.

Hampton told *The Skanner News* that she made reservations at the restaurant after meeting the owner during a neighborhood walk; she says he was charming and talked at length about his homemade pasta and bread.

But after her husband, Percy, decided he did not want to go out, she says it felt wrong to cancel the reservation at the last minute – besides, she was eager to try the food.

"I was finally seated after people who came after me were seated," Hampton says. "I was not getting service; I finally said I was ready to order and the waitress told me she was not taking my order and that I had to leave and give up my table."

In the small restaurant, Hampton says all the other customers watched her as she was rousted from her table and forced to leave, even being denied a to-go order.

"I was so hurt, I've never experienced this before, here in Portland," she said. "I've never heard

of a place not having to-go.

"I was so devastated I cried all night," she says. "I don't want this to happen to anyone else.

"Racism is alive and well,"

friendly place but alas. Food is so so. Their buffet used to be good but now they don't have it.

Hampton, who founded a small business in construction that has

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Hampton says.

Of several bad customer reviews from the Feb. 14, 2015, Valentine's Day dinner hour, one stands out.

Anand P posted on Feb. 14:

*[expletive deleted] I come here, or at least used to now. But on valentines day some Asian waitress here was the epitome of racism. Made us sit outside in the cold and then never showed up. Americans behind us sat inside and were served wine ASAP. The chef here is a very nice person but he should not hire such morons. Anyway, never again. We came here because we wanted to go to*

now been taken over by her son, says she's seen her share of discrimination against African Americans on Alberta Street over the years – but the snub by Enzo's struck her to the heart.

She never saw Enzo himself that night, and when she went back to the restaurant the next morning to talk with him about it she was greeted by the same manager from the night before, who brushed off her complaint and, she says, declined to put her in touch with Enzo.

"I have a footprint in the neighborhood," she says. "I am a small business owner myself, and I have

worked with the King Neighborhood Association and other groups to help make Alberta Street friendly to small businesses."

Hampton is representing herself in court.

*The Skanner News'* attempts to obtain comment from the restaurant owner have been unsuccessful, but he has commented to *The Oregonian* and KOIN news.

*The Oregonian* reports that the owner, Enzo Lanzadoro, is accusing Hampton of "stealing" two glasses of wine.

Enzo's has a generally good rating on Yelp, but the customer criticisms over time appear to be consistent – in particular a pattern of customers served wine without asking for it and then being charged for the beverage. One customer reported that a server poured wine into her husband's beer glass and then charged them for it.

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## Ferguson

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report last week, it made numerous allegations against the city's police department that included racial disparities in arrests, bigotry and profit-driven law enforcement — essentially using the black community as a piggy bank to support the city's budget through fines.

Though the report centered on Ferguson, its findings have resonated beyond the St. Louis suburbs as residents in some communities across the country say they feel they face the same struggles with their police departments and city leadership.

President Barack Obama addressed the issue Friday on the eve of the 50th anniversary of

"Bloody Sunday" when police beat scores of people at a civil rights march in Selma, Alabama. While not typical, the issues raised in the Ferguson report also

unarmed black 19-year-old by a white police officer, chanting "Black Lives Matter." Authorities said the police officer fired his weapon after he was assaulted.

**In Pasco, where Felix Vargas lives, the racial makeup of the city has changed over the years and now it's more than half Hispanic, but only one in five of its police are**

were not isolated, he said.

On Saturday, protesters took to the streets in Madison, Wisconsin, after the fatal shooting of an

The officer was placed on administrative leave pending results of an investigation by an outside state agency.

"These communities are vulnerable because they don't believe the law is there to protect them," said Kevin Jones, a black, 36-year-old Iraq war veteran who lives in Saginaw, Michigan, a once predominantly white city that's now about half black. He recalled being pulled over and arrested in 2011 for having his music too loud in the wrong part of town. The noise complaint was dropped when an officer failed to show for his hearing, but Jones said he still had to pay to get his car back.

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Four Portland mothers, all whose sons had died in gun violence, gathered at Bethel A.M.E. church in Northeast Portland, Friday, March 6, to call for an end to violence in the city.