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## Fired Officer Suicide

Former Portland Policeman Dane Reister twice

By Lisa Loving  
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A former Portland Police officer fired two years ago — after shooting an unarmed man with live rounds instead of beanbags — has committed suicide in his home city of Washougal, Wash.

Dane Reister, 43, apparently stepped in front of a moving train on Memorial Day. Washougal police on the scene said there were no witnesses.

The body was discovered by passing train engineers. Earlier reports said Reister's truck had been left on the tracks, but investigators now say it was found in a nearby parking lot.

The Clark County Medical Examiner's office on Tuesday reported Reister died from multiple blunt force injuries. His death was ruled a suicide.

The former officer was fired by the Portland Police Bureau after accidentally shooting a bipolar man with live rounds when he intended to use beanbag shots.

Reister in 2011 repeatedly shot William Kyle Monroe, aged 20, an unarmed man in a mental crisis, who was running away from the officer after being told to get on his knees and put his hands behind his head.

The former officer shot at Monroe's back as he ran, using a beanbag rifle — but the rifle had been loaded with real bullets, which left Monroe permanently disabled.

Then-Mayor Sam Adams publicly apologized to Monroe, and reform measures were launched to change the way officers store ammunition near beanbag rifles.

Monroe filed a federal lawsuit against Reister as well as then-Portland Police Chief Mike Reese, claiming false arrest, assault and negligence.

The lawsuit ended in a \$3.2 million judgment — the biggest legal settlement in Portland history.

It was not the first time Reister had mistakenly used live ammunition. He had

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## OUT TO PLAY

Roselynn Kemp, 3, climbs the 35-foot high KOMPAN Climbing Tower last Saturday at the new Artists at Play (AAP), artist-created playground in Next 50 Plaza at Seattle Center. The playground features the climbing tower, accessible swings and a person-powered carousel with inventive, child-inspired musical instruments, and listening stations. The playground officially opened last Friday, coinciding with the start of the annual Northwest Folklife Festival.



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## What Does 'Gang-Related' Mean?

Gresham Police Department spokesperson sheds light

By Donovan M. Smith  
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Have you ever wondered it means when officials describe a crime as "gang-related"?

The Skanner News spoke to Lt. Claudio Grandjean, the public information officer for the Gresham Police — a department seeing major upticks in violence in the face of massive economic and demographic shifts — to get a handle on when police choose to use the phrase

and why.

**The Skanner News:** When do you say something is "gang-related," "possibly gang-related," versus not saying it at all?

**Lt. Claudio Grandjean:** That can change. We can go to the scene and we don't know if it's gang-related. We just know two people shot each other. At that point we wouldn't say anything. And we might change that once we find out.

So in other words, we just

arrived to the scene where somebody shot somebody. A lot of times if it's a gang-affected area, that question will come up right away, and we'll say, "Well, we don't know." Then once we've identified the victim, or the shooter — if one of those people's a documented gang member — we'll say it's gang-related and the reason for that is, quite simply, the question people want answered is, "Is this happening because of gangs?" and a lot of times the answer is yes.

You get into something that's more ambiguous [with the term "gang-related"], to be honest.

There's no criteria, the same way there's criteria for [what a documented] gang member would be.

**TSN:** What's the difference between being "gang-involved" and "gang membership"?

**Grandjean:** For example, I could be kind of on the verge,

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## Washington Boosts Cost of Traffic Tickets

\$12 base cost increase will help pay for new computer system

By Gene Johnson  
The Associated Press

SEATTLE (AP) — The Washington Supreme Court is boosting the base cost of traffic tickets in the state by \$12 to help pay for a badly needed new computer system for district courts — a decision that four justices blasted as unfair to low-income residents who can least afford the fines.

Effective July 1, most traffic infractions, as well as some boating, camping and public park violations, will increase. It's the first boost since 2007, and the money will go partly to the new computer system and partly to provide legal services for poor people.

Chief Justice Barbara Madsen said in a news release Monday that raising the cost of the tickets was a tough decision, because the

operations of the court system should not depend on fines and fees, which disproportionately hurt low-income people.

Nevertheless, she added: "A majority of the court believes the modest increase is reasonable, and is less than the state's fiscal growth factor would allow. We will continue to work with the Legislature and local

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