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BLACK FRIDAY



PHOTO BY SUSAN FRIED

For the third year in a row thousands of people showed up for the "Black Lives Matter, Not Black Friday" protest in Downtown Seattle Nov. 25, the day after Thanksgiving. The protestors marched through downtown and mingled with Christmas shoppers and Seattle's renowned Dickens Carolers.

ACLU, OJRC Fight for Unanimous Convictions

Court case challenges 1934 state law that requires 10-2 vote to convict

By Christen McCurdy
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Attorneys challenging — on behalf of Olan Jermaine Williams — an Oregon law that allows non-unanimous convictions on felony charges expect a response by mid-December. The ACLU of Oregon and the Oregon Justice Resource Center, along with Williams' attorney Ryan Scott, argue Oregon's law — one of just two like it in the country — violates the equal protection provision of the U.S. Constitution. Attorneys submitted am-

icus briefings last week to contest the law on Williams' behalf, and Scott said Multnomah County Circuit Court Judge Bronson James has told attorneys he will have a decision by mid-December on the case. Williams holds a master's degree from Howard University and is a 2001 graduate of Jefferson High School. He was tried this summer on three sodomy charges and acquitted on two, but convicted of the third. Williams' attorney Ryan Scott told *The Skanner* that one of the jurors — the only African American juror to

serve on Williams' jury — attended Williams' sentencing and testified that she fully supported the defendant and was very upset about the verdict. The one Black juror's experience is summarized in more detail in an academic paper to be published in *Oregon Law Review* early next year, which coauthor Aliza Kaplan — who directs the criminal justice reform clinic at Lewis & Clark Law School — shared with *The Skanner*. The juror testified that the majority-White jury (two jurors were Asian, nine were women and

three were men) very quickly decided to acquit Williams of two charges for which he was tried. The jury was split on another count, however, and the Black juror testified that the other jurors spent four hours of deliberation time trying to get her, and two other holdouts, to change their minds. Finally, one juror — saying she didn't want to come back the following day and couldn't stay late that night due to a lack of child care — flipped her vote. The 10-2 vote was enough

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Jill Stein Demands Recount in Three Key States

Former Green Party candidate leads recount effort in Pennsylvania, Wisconsin and Michigan

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Green Party presidential candidate Jill Stein now has raised enough money to formally request a recount in three key swing states. Stein's camp — and, quietly, Hillary Clinton's too — are hoping that irregularities and alleged hacking of voting machines in some counties in

Pennsylvania, Wisconsin and Michigan will reverse Trump's victory. As of Wednesday afternoon, Stein had filed recount petitions in all three states. If Stein is correct and the votes in those swing states prove Clinton to be the actual winner, then the former Secretary of State could claim an Electoral College victory and the presidency.

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Jill Stein speaking at a Green Party Presidential town hall in Mesa, Ariz., in March 2016.



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A mural decorates the side of a building on Alberta Street in Northeast Portland.

Alberta Project Seeks Storytellers

Alberta Main Street works to honor African American history in Northeast Portland

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The Alberta Main Street organization has launched a new project to honor African American residents in Northeast Portland. The initiative aims to collect community memories and honor these stories through historical markers.

Sara Wittenberg, executive director of Alberta Main Street said the project is in response to feedback from displaced residents.

"Too often I hear accounts from long-time African American residents that Alberta Street doesn't feel like home

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OSMO VIA AP

This photo shows an Osmo Creative Set. Toys that teach aren't a new thing, but a growing number are calling for kids to build with blocks, circuits or everyday items before reaching for a tablet screen.

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