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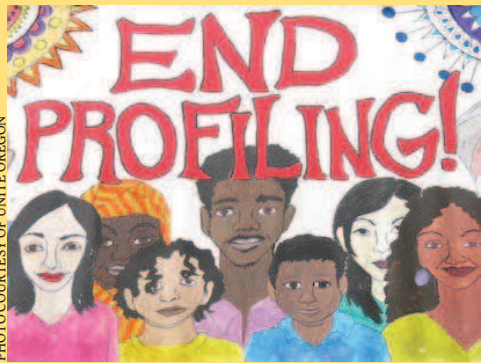


PHOTO COURTESY OF UNITE OREGON  
Unite Oregon is launching an End Profiling campaign this spring.

## An End in Sight?

New law aims to curb police profiling

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**B**eing unfairly and unequally treated in the criminal justice system is a cruel reality for many people of color — nationwide and in the Portland area.

As reported by InvestigateWest in partnership the Pamplin Media Group, in Multnomah County, “African-Americans are charged three to 30 times as often as white residents for everything from pedestrian and transit fare violations to drug charges and crimes related to interactions with police.”

Police profiling is just one piece of the inequality puzzle, but its statewide persistence carries heavy socio-economic weight for its victims.

African American defendants in Multnomah County paid about \$21.5 million more than they would have if

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AP PHOTO ARCHIVE  
Richmond (D-La.) is the new chairman of the CBC.

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# POLICE SHOOTING



PHOTO BY CHRISTEN MCCURDY

Portland Police Bureau chief Mike Marshman, left, and Mayor Ted Wheeler talked to reporters Feb. 10 afternoon about two officer-involved shootings the previous day. Quance Hayes, 17, was killed early Thursday morning; Don Perkins, 56, was wounded later that day.

## Activists Call for Justice After Killing of Teen

PPB is still investigating the fatal shooting of an African American youth and the wounding of a White man in mental health crisis

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**A**ctivists will rally Thursday to call for justice for Quance Hayes, a 17-year-old African American youth shot and killed last week by Portland Police. Community members have also started a GoFundMe (<https://www.gofundme.com/relief-for-quance-hayes>) for Hayes’ family to assist with funeral costs. Hayes was one of two people shot last week by Portland Police Bureau officers.

According to the Port-

land Police Bureau’s press release on the shooting, Officer Andrew Hearst, a seven-year veteran of the bureau, shot and killed Hayes Feb. 9.

Officers had responded to a call reporting an armed robbery at the Value Inn Hotel at Northeast 82nd Avenue. The victim described the suspect as a Black male who had fled in the direction of 82nd Avenue. Officers responded to a report of a nearby car prowling and then established a perimeter in the area to search for the robbery suspect. They discovered in-

dications of a break-in at a house on the 8300 block of Northeast Hancock Street and sent dogs in to search the house.

Sometime after, officers encountered Quance Hayes outside. Hearst fired three times, and according to police, when officers attempted to render aid, they discovered the teenager was dead.

Officers released a photo of a replica handgun from the incident. Whether Hayes drew or pointed the gun is unclear.

It’s also not clear whether the canine officers sent

to investigate the house were wearing cameras. Police spokesperson Pete Simpson told a *Portland Mercury* reporter at the scene Thursday they were, but at a Friday afternoon press conference said it wasn’t clear if they were wearing cameras or not. PPB released a booking photo of Hayes along with photos of the replica firearm, but told reporters he didn’t know where or when the booking photo had been taken. Juvenile criminal records are not

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## Trump Ushers in Health Law Changes

Proposed changes could lead to higher deductibles, a curb on special enrollment periods

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WASHINGTON — The Trump administration took steps Wednesday intended to help calm jittery insurance companies and make tax compliance with former President Barack Obama’s health law less burdensome for some people.

But the changes could lead to plans

with higher annual deductibles, according to the administration’s own proposal. That seems to undercut President Donald Trump’s assurance in a recent Washington Post interview that his plan would mean “lower numbers, much lower deductibles.”

The moves announced separately by the Health and Human Services Department and the IRS don’t

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Vice President Mike Pence, Human Services Secretary Tom Price and his wife Betty pose for a photograph following a swearing in ceremony in the Eisenhower Executive Office Building in the White House complex in Washington Feb. 10.