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JUSTICE FOR CHARLEENA LYLES



Clark County Sheriff's Department patrol car

Former Commander Receives \$1.2 M Settlement

Clifford B. Evelyn sued sheriff's department for discrimination in 2009

By Melanie Sevckenko
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Eight years after former Clark County sheriff's department commander Clifford B. Evelyn filed a racial discrimination lawsuit against the County in 2009, a settlement has finally been reached.

On June 2, Evelyn received \$1.2 million from Clark County, over a case he had been trying to bring to trial for almost a decade.

"Even though they settled, I'm still not happy because my name never got cleared," Evelyn told *The Skanner*.

The award-winning 20-year veteran
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In this June 9, 2017 House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., speaks on Capitol Hill in Washington. Democratic Party divisions are on stark display after a disappointing special election loss in a hard-fought Georgia congressional race.

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Hundreds of people gathered in support of the family on the evening of June 18 at the apartment complex where Charleena Lyles, a pregnant mother of four, was shot and killed by Seattle police earlier that morning. Lyles had called the police to report a theft and within minutes of their arrival was shot at least five times by both officers. The police say she confronted them with a knife but the community questions whether a less lethal means could have been used to subdue the women who family and neighbors describe as being tiny and weighing about 90 pounds.

Lorenzo Poe Retires From Portland Schools

Former Chief Equity & Diversity Officer reflects on his career

By Melanie Sevckenko
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When Lorenzo Poe was growing up in North Portland, he came to understand the proverb, "It takes a village to raise a child." Brought up primarily by his grandmother, Poe told *The Skanner* that there were several adults in his life who had a hand in raising him.

"If it weren't for people putting their hands on me and spending time with

me, I don't know where I'd be," said Poe.

His mission to better public education for underserved communities has sent him on a decades-long crusade. Since 2009, Poe has managed programs that are critical to Portland Public Schools' efforts to raise the bar for minority student performance.

This month, Poe is saying goodbye to PPS and retiring from his post as Chief Equity and Diversity Officer and Director of Partnership Development.

"Everything I've done in my life has been centered on the notion of education and how in fact we help children — particularly low-income children and African Americans — achieve educationally."

As a graduate of Jefferson High School, Poe experienced first-hand the perils of public education for Black kids in North Portland.

"I came though this system, and I understand what it feels like when you tell kids they can't achieve,"

said Poe. "But fortunately for me, there were those few in the school system who told me — you can be what you want to be."

After earning an undergraduate degree from Oregon State University and a Master of Public Administration, Poe spent 32 years employed through Multnomah County — first as the director of the Department of Community & Family Services, and later as director of the Department of School & Commu-

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Portland Musician, Educator Thara Memory Dies

Grammy-winning jazz trumpeter, composer, music teacher died Saturday at the age of 68

The Skanner News Staff

Portland jazz musician and educator Thara Memory passed away Saturday night at the age of 68.

Memory was well-known in the Portland jazz scene. He taught at Wilson High School and created the American Music Program at King Elementary School, a magnet school program drawing students from all

over the Portland metropolitan area to learn to play jazz.

An Oregon Music Hall of Fame inductee and protégé of Miles Davis, Memory also won a Grammy in 2013 for his arrangement, "City of Roses," which was performed by his most famous protege, Esperanza Spalding.

"Thank you for believing in me; for pushing me; for giving me opportunity again and again to stand in your

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Jazz trumpeter and music educator Thara Memory died Saturday at the age of 68.