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PHOTO COURTESY OF CITY OF PORTLAND
Mayor Ted Wheeler is expected to announce his selection for Portland's new police chief sometime this month.

City Down to Final Four Chief Candidates

Activists say they will pursue a recall if Marshman is hired

By Christen McCurdy
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Portland Mayor Ted Wheeler is expected to announce this month who will serve as Portland's next police chief. He's down to four candidates after a nationwide search drew 33 applications.

Mike Marshman, who was appointed as interim chief last summer, is one of the four. The city has confirmed the identity of one other candidate, assistant Pittsburgh police chief Larry Sciroto, but has said the other two have requested their names remain confidential.

Portland's Resistance, an activist
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AP PHOTO/WONG MAYEE
Kim Hyo Sim, 21, a student at Pyongyang City Commercial College speaks to The Associated Press on July 27 in Pyongyang, North Korea, ahead of celebrations for the 64th anniversary of the armistice that ended the Korean War.

Young North Koreans Talk of Tensions

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'Detroit' Docudrama Opens This Week

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WATKINS SWORN IN



PHOTO BY MELANIE SEVCENKO

On Tuesday, Aug. 1, Judge Adrienne Nelson (left), of Multnomah County Circuit Court, swears in Ulanda Watkins (right) as judge of Clackamas County Circuit Court. Presiding Judge Robert D. Herndon looks on (center).

Watkins is Oregon's first Black judge to serve outside of Multnomah County

By Melanie Sevckenko
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Before an intimate crowd of friends and colleagues on Tuesday, Ulanda Watkins was sworn in as judge of Clackamas County Circuit Court, one of 36 trial courts in the state system.

Watkins, a former defense lawyer and managing attorney at insurance firm GEICO, is among eight judges Gov. Kate Brown recently appointed to Multnomah and Clackamas County Circuit Courts, as well as the Oregon Court of Appeals.

The Portland native is the only judge of color in Clackamas and the third Black woman judge on the Oregon state bench. She

is also the first African American judge to sit on the bench outside of Multnomah County.

Watkins will officially take the reins Aug. 14. In the days before her swearing in, she spoke with *The Skanner* about her precedent-setting appointment and her eagerness to return to the courtroom. This interview has been edited for space and clarity.

The Skanner News: Tell me a little bit about your background. How did you get into law?

Ulanda Watkins: I went to Wilson High School and they have a street law class that they still offer to students at Portland Public Schools. I was a member of our team, and all the teams

complete at the county level, then at the state level. I remember representing Wilson and I had a specific role of doing the opening statement. I enjoyed that so much. I thought, how awesome to have a career where I can argue and get paid for it. So that sparked my interest. Then at some point, I think it was maybe my freshman year at college, I (decided) I wanted to go to law school. So I kept that in mind throughout my undergrad. I applied and got into both the Willamette University College of Law and Lewis & Clark Law School. I decided on Lewis & Clark because it was in Portland and I had a two-year old at the time. So I needed to be somewhere where I had family sup-

port because law school is so intense. It's boot camp for lawyers. It's grueling (laughs).

TSN: You worked as a defense lawyer before you joined GEICO. How did that experience compare to your work at the insurance firm?

UW: I worked with judge Ken Walker and attorney Ernie Warren (of Walker, Warren and Watkins). At the time they were among the first African American-owned firms. I did criminal law and worked with those guys for 15 years before coming to GEICO. We represented people charged with crimes at the state and federal level.

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First Pan African Festival Comes to Oregon

The cultural festival aims to galvanize Portland's African community Aug. 12

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Oregon's inaugural Pan African Festival will kick-off Saturday, Aug. 12 at Pioneer Courthouse Square in downtown Portland. From noon to 8:30 p.m., Portlanders can celebrate the music, dance, food and fashion from across the African continent.

Initiated by Nafisa Fai, a Somalian

immigrant and rookie event organizer, the one-day festival has been in the works for close to a year, as a means to "really illuminate the treasures that exist in our community," said Fai.

"I always wanted to have a pan African festival for foreign Africans, Afro-Caribbeans, and African Americans, similar to Festa Italiana at Pioneer Square," Fai told *The Skan-*

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Cameroon Dancing