

# Pasco man wasn't shot in back

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KENNEWICK — The three officers involved in the death of unarmed Mexican man in Washington state fired 17 shots, including several that struck the former orchard worker but none that hit him in the back, a task force spokesman said Wednesday.

The regional law enforcement task force is investigating the killing of Antonio Zambrano-Montes, which has led to protests and calls for a federal probe.

Kennewick Police Sgt. Ken Lattin, a spokesman for the unit, said at a news conference that five or six bullets struck Zambrano-Montes. However, he said autopsy results were pending, and he couldn't be more specific about where the 35-year-old was shot.

Zambrano-Montes was killed Feb. 10 in Pasco, and a witness captured the gunfire on video. The death has sparked two weeks of protests in this agricultural city along the Columbia River in the southeastern part of the state.

Authorities say the Mexican immigrant was throwing



Agapita Montes-Rivera, left, the mother of Antonio Zambrano-Montes, who was shot and killed by police in Pasco Feb. 10, walks with her son, Artemio Zambrano-Montes, second from left, after meeting with reporters in Kennewick Tuesday. They were accompanied by interpreter Fabian Ubay, second from right, and an unidentified family member at right. Agapita Montes-Rivera viewed her son's body for the first time Monday and said she hopes for justice in the case that has sparked protests and calls for a federal investigation.

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rocks at officers and a stun gun failed to subdue him. The Franklin County coroner has ordered an inquest into the death, which is being reviewed by the task force. The investigation is being monitored by federal authorities.

Lattin said the local investigation will be thorough and fair. "We're not here to cover

up for anybody," he told reporters.

The killing was the fourth by police in less than a year for fast-growing Pasco, a city of 68,000 where more than half the residents are Hispanic but few are members of the police force or the power structure.

Officers were exonerated after similar investigations in

the first three cases. Critics of the latest case say the officers should have used less than lethal force to capture Zambrano-Montes.

Police said officers felt threatened. Zambrano-Montes was arrested last year for assault after throwing objects at Pasco officers and trying to grab an officer's pistol, court records show.

# Judge orders Oracle to keep hosting Oregon's Medicaid system

SALEM (AP) — An Oregon judge has ordered technology giant Oracle Corp. to continue hosting Oregon's Medicaid health insurance system for low-income Oregonians even after the company's contract expires this weekend.

Marion County Circuit Judge Courtland Geyer ruled Wednesday that Oracle should host Medicaid for another year. He granted the preliminary injunction until February 2016.

Geyer said he was more convinced by the testimony of the state's witnesses than by that of Oracle's witnesses, and that the state's case was likely to succeed on its merits.

Earlier this month, Oracle notified Oregon that it does not intend to renew the contract and would terminate hosting on Saturday. Oregon sued to compel Oracle to continue hosting.

Oregon officials argued in court that Oracle had promised five months ago that the contract would be renewed, and as a result they did not seek alternate hosting services. Officials also said a termination of hosting would cause "irreparable harm" to thousands of people who would not be able to enroll or re-enroll in Medicaid and access health services.

Oracle argued it didn't make a promise, it only agreed to negotiate, and was not legally obligated to do business with Oregon after the contract expires.

The court fight has occurred amid a larger legal battle over the failure of Oregon's health care ex-

change portal, Cover Oregon, which was also built by Oracle. Oracle and Oregon previously sued each other over that failure. Last spring, the state ditched the Cover Oregon portal and decided to switch to the federal portal, HealthCare.Gov.

Despite Cover Oregon's failure, Oregon has continued to use parts of the Oracle-built system to determine whether applicants are eligible for Medicaid and for enrollment. The system's hardware is on servers that are hosted by Oracle's cloud-management branch.

The state is now adopting technology from Kentucky for Medicaid enrollment — but that switch won't be completed until January 2016. In the meantime, the judge's ruling will allow the state to renew its contract with Oracle and to use Oracle hosting.

Oracle officials declined to comment on the judge's order. Oregon praised the ruling, saying it would allow the state to "keep the lights on" for Medicaid.

"We are pleased we have been granted the extension of time needed to continue using the existing technology services," Oregon Health Authority spokeswoman Susan Wickstrom said in a statement, "by which time we will have implemented the system we are transferring in from Kentucky."

Medicaid serves more than 1 million people in Oregon, about a quarter of the state's population. Coverage is good for 12 months and then must be renewed. Oregonians can sign up for or re-enroll in Medicaid year-round.

# Journalists arrested for flying drone in Paris

PARIS (AP) — Three Al-Jazeera journalists have been arrested for illegally flying a drone in Paris Wednesday, after unidentified drones flew over the Eiffel Tower and key Paris landmarks for a second night running. It's further baffled French authorities who are investigating a spate of unidentified flying objects in the Paris skies at a time of high security across the country.

The foreign nationals aged 70, 54 and 36 — who work for the Doha-based international broadcaster — were taken into custody Wednesday afternoon after police spotted a drone flying in the Bois de Boulogne woods in western Paris, said Paris prosecutors' spokeswoman Agnes Thibault-Lecuire.

She said it was unclear what the trio were trying to accomplish.

"Three Al-Jazeera English journalists have been held by police in Paris while filming a report on the city's recent mystery drones," the network said in a comment from its base in Qatar. "We will comment further when more information is available."

The journalists can be held for a maximum of 24 hours under French law. Flying drones without a license in France is illegal and carries a maximum one-year prison sentence and a 75,000 euros (\$85,000) fine.

The Al-Jazeera arrests come in the midst of a police investigation into a spate of mysterious drone sightings over the French capital, including on Monday and Tuesday nights.

Police sighted one or more drones in five instances buzzing in the Paris sky in the night

of Tuesday to Wednesday — from 11.30 p.m. to 2 a.m.

An unidentified flying object was first seen Tuesday night near the Gare de l'Est train station, with sightings continuing in sequence for over two hours over the Paris Opera, then on to the Tuileries gardens, past the Eiffel Tower and then south past Paris' Montparnasse Tower, according to Thibault-Lecuire.

An inquiry was launched after drones, which are banned over Paris, were also spotted Monday night — including over the U.S. Embassy.

It's not known who was behind the flights, how many objects there were in total, and even whether they were all coordinated.

Last month a drone caused worry after being sighted flying over the Elysee Palace, the residence of President Fran-

cois Hollande — following dozens of sightings of drones over nuclear plants and military installations.

These latest episodes are sparking particular concern, with Paris already on its highest-alert after January's deadly terrorist attacks by Islamic radicals.

French authorities have said the drones currently present no threat, apart from the risk of falling on someone, but the government is trying to find ways to counteract the devices. Some fear the drones could be spying on technology or could one day be equipped with weapons.

Drone operator Jean-Luc Fournier, who has consulted on French drone legislation, said authorized operators condemn such rogue flights because it casts the whole industry in a bad light.

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## AccuWeather.com Forecast

TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
Cloudy with a shower or two	Rather cloudy, showers around	Mainly cloudy	Plenty of sunshine, but chilly	Cloudy, showers around; chilly

PENDLETON TEMPERATURE FORECAST				
50°	36°	50°	26°	42°
53°	34°	51°	26°	46°
50°	36°	50°	26°	42°
53°	34°	51°	26°	46°

HERMISTON TEMPERATURE FORECAST				
53°	34°	51°	26°	46°
53°	34°	51°	26°	46°
53°	34°	51°	26°	46°
53°	34°	51°	26°	46°

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**PENDLETON**  
through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	53°	30°
Normals	50°	31°
Records	67° (1896)	6° (2011)

**PRECIPITATION**  
24 hours ending 3 p.m. 0.00"  
Month to date 0.77"  
Normal month to date 1.02"  
Year to date 1.49"  
Last year to date 2.35"  
Normal year to date 2.40"

**HERMISTON**  
through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	56°	26°
Normals	51°	30°
Records	73° (1986)	-2° (1993)

**PRECIPITATION**  
24 hours ending 3 p.m. 0.00"  
Month to date 0.61"  
Normal month to date 0.86"  
Year to date 1.05"  
Last year to date 1.72"  
Normal year to date 2.14"

### SUN AND MOON

	Full	Last	New	First
Mar 5	Mar 13	Mar 20	Mar 26	

### REGIONAL FORECAST

Coastal Oregon: Mostly cloudy today; showers, but dry in the south. Occasional rain tonight.

Eastern Washington: Mostly cloudy today; a shower or two across the south, toward the Cascades and in central sections.

Cascades: A couple of showers today, but a couple of showers of rain or snow in the south.

Northern California: Mostly cloudy today; cooler in the interior mountains. A little rain tonight.

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### REGIONAL CITIES

	Today			Fri.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Astoria	53	44	sh	54	37	sh
Baker City	47	28	sh	46	27	sn
Bend	49	31	sh	43	22	sn
Brookings	57	47	c	53	42	r
Burns	48	28	c	44	24	r
Enterprise	44	28	sn	43	24	sn
Eugene	55	46	sh	55	38	r
Heppner	49	35	sh	44	25	sh
Hermiston	53	34	sh	51	26	sh
John Day	47	31	sn	45	25	sn
Klamath Falls	49	33	c	46	29	sh
La Grande	48	31	c	48	26	sn
Meacham	42	27	sh	43	18	sn
Medford	55	41	c	53	37	r
Newport	54	46	sh	54	41	r
North Bend	57	48	sh	55	42	r
Ontario	56	34	sh	52	33	sh
Pasco	54	33	sh	55	29	sh
Pendleton	50	36	sh	50	26	sh
Portland	55	45	sh	53	35	sh
Redmond	50	30	sh	45	23	sn
Salem	55	46	sh	55	38	sh
Spokane	45	29	c	44	23	c
Ukiah	45	32	sn	43	23	sn
Vancouver	55	44	sh	53	33	sh
Walla Walla	50	35	sh	51	29	sh
Yakima	55	35	sh	54	30	c

### WORLD CITIES

	Today			Fri.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Beijing	40	22	s	38	25	pc
Hong Kong	75	68	pc	74	66	r
Jerusalem	65	51	pc	71	50	pc
London	54	35	r	48	39	pc
Mexico City	76	45	s	74	46	pc
Moscow	35	26	pc	36	35	sn
Paris	52	37	sh	46	31	c
Rome	60	41	pc	58	41	pc
Seoul	36	23	pc	38	24	pc
Sydney	80	69	t	80	70	sh
Tokyo	47	41	r	53	39	c

### WINDS

(in mph)	Today	Friday
Boardman	VAR 2-4	N 6-12
Pendleton	W 3-6	NNW 6-12

### UV INDEX TODAY

0 1 2 1 0 0

8 a.m. 10 a.m. Noon 2 p.m. 4 p.m. 6 p.m.

0-2, Low 3-5, Moderate 6-7, High; 8-10, Very High; 11+, Extreme

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### NATIONAL WEATHER TODAY

Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day.

**National Summary:** As snow exits the mid-Atlantic coast, spotty snow will expand over the Midwest today as arctic air arrives. Some snow will fall along the Rockies and High Plains. Rain and snow will invade the Northwest.

**Yesterday's National Extremes:** (for the 48 contiguous states)  
High 85° in Tamiami, Fla. Low -28° in Embarrass, Minn.

### NATIONAL CITIES

	Today			Fri.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Albuquerque	47	23	c	38	25	r
Atlanta	46	28	c	45	29	pc
Atlantic City	29	22	sn	28	12	pc
Baltimore	33	18	sn	30	10	pc
Billings	17	3	pc	23	10	s
Birmingham	45	22	pc	41	21	s
Boise	50	32	sh	51	32	sh
Boston	21	13	sn	24	8	pc
Charleston, SC	51	32	c	55	32	c
Charleston, WV	33	13	sf	22	7	pc
Chicago	14	-2	sf	15	-4	s
Cleveland	13	-4	sn	12	-4	pc
Dallas	37	20	c	32	25	c
Denver	20	4	sn	21	3	sn
Detroit	16	-4	sf	17	-1	s
El Paso	56	31	s	49	33	pc
Fairbanks	20	3	c	23	4	pc
Fargo	4	-15	s	13	-1	s
Honolulu	83	69	pc	81	69	sh
Houston	56	33	pc	51	35	s
Indianapolis	20	-3	sf	16	-4	s
Jacksonville	62	42	c	60	45	pc
Kansas City	21	1	pc	22	11	s
Las Vegas	67	45	s	64	47	sh
Little Rock	38	17	c	31	21	pc
Los Angeles	71	53	pc	68	55	pc
Louisville	31	11	sf	24	9	s
Memphis	39	19	c	31	23	s
Miami	87	67	pc	78	70	sh
Millwaukee	12	-1	pc	15	-1	s
Minneapolis	8	-6	pc	15	0	s
Nashville	41	18	c	31	18	s
New Orleans	53	36	pc	54	40	s
New York City	27	17	sn	28	12	pc
Oklahoma City	36	15	pc	30	18	sn
Omaha	14	-2	pc	22	9	s
Philadelphia	29	20	sn	29	12	pc
Phoenix	76	51	s	77	57	pc
Portland, ME	21	6	pc	23	4	pc
Providence	23	12	c	26	7	pc
Raleigh	37	21	sn	39		