

# Portland police chief retires amid inquiry into shooting

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Associated Press

PORTLAND — Portland's police chief, Larry O'Dea, resigned Monday amid criminal and internal investigations into whether he was forthright after accidentally shooting his friend during a camping trip on the other side of the state.

Mayor Charlie Hales announced the move at a news conference that had to be shifted to his office because of hecklers.

Hales said he's been disappointed by the "trial by media" and asked everyone to await the outcome of the twin investigations before passing judgment.

"If the investigations determine that some of what has been printed about Chief O'Dea's conduct turns out to be not true, I would ask you to be as energetic in clearing his name as you have been in smearing him," Hales said.



Portland Mayor Charlie Hales announces the anticipated shakeup in the top command staff of the Police Bureau, replacing retiring Chief Larry O'Dea as he faces criminal investigation for an off-duty shooting, Monday in Portland. Immediately following the news conference, Capt. Mike Marshman, at left, was sworn in as the new chief of the Portland Police Bureau.

O'Dea, 54, had been chief for little more than a year when he went on the April trip to sparsely populated Harney County in southeast Oregon. He shot his friend, Robert Dempsey, in the lower back with a .22 caliber rifle.

The friend was taken to a Boise hospital, but was not seriously hurt.

O'Dea didn't identify himself as Portland's police chief when deputies spoke with him, and he said it appeared Dempsey shot

himself in a mishap.

A deputy who interviewed O'Dea at the scene wrote in a report that he smelled of alcohol. O'Dea denied being intoxicated, and his attorney, Derek Ashton, reiterated that contention in a statement to the media on Sunday.

"Larry O'Dea did not have alcohol on his breath nor was he impaired or intoxicated," Ashton said. "He did not purposely point his gun at any person and did not knowingly discharge a firearm in the direction of his lifelong friend."

O'Dea admitted to Hales a few days after the incident that he had fired the shot. Harney County authorities didn't learn the truth until weeks later, when the victim finally spoke with an investigator.

After Sheriff Dave Ward learned that O'Dea was a law enforcement officer, he turned the investigation over to state police.

The shooting eventually became public. O'Dea was placed on paid administrative leave, replaced on a temporary basis by an assistant chief, Donna Henderson.

But Henderson and three other assistant chiefs are now under investigation for not initiating an internal investigation into O'Dea's conduct. It's all led to what Hales calls a period of "turmoil and confusion" for the Portland Police Bureau.

Capt. Mike Marshman was promoted to chief, at least until the next mayor, Ted Wheeler, takes over in 2017.

Hales, who is not seeking a second term, has been sharply criticized for not immediately telling Portlanders the chief had been involved in a shooting.

One of Monday's hecklers called him a criminal for hiding information. Another repeatedly played a recorded message into a megaphone, asking Hales when he became aware of the "lies."

Hales repeatedly defended his weekslong silence, saying he was told the investigation was supposed to be swift and confidential, "and it was neither."

O'Dea had been chief since January 2015. His downfall comes a month after Sheriff Dan Staton of Multnomah County — which includes Portland — retired amid complaints that he, among other things, made inappropriate comments and created a hostile work environment.

Ironically, the man who replaced Staton on an interim basis, Mike Reese, was the Portland police chief until he was replaced by O'Dea.

Asked to explain the merry-go-round, Hales explained that police work is difficult, "particularly when people race to judgment in all things, and we expect — in 140 characters and a few minutes — to resolve every issue."

# Three die in shooting; suspect arrested

Associated Press

BEND — A lone gunman killed two men and a woman and critically wounded another man on a farm Monday in northwest Oregon, then fled before he was captured on an interstate highway in the Columbia River Gorge, law enforcement officials said.

Marion County sheriff's deputies were called to the farm in a bucolic setting in the Willamette Valley. There, they found a chilling scene: Two men were already dead, and a man and a woman were gravely injured. The woman later died in a hospital.

Within a short while, law enforcement flocked to the farm compound consisting of a half-dozen buildings wedged in among plowed fields and shaded by trees. The compound is just east of the town of Woodburn.

The deputies obtained descriptions of the suspect and the vehicle he fled in, and broadcast the information to all local police agencies. About 2½ hours later, Oregon State Police, assisted by the Hood River County Sheriff's Office, stopped

the suspect as he drove through the scenic Columbia Gorge 80 miles away and took him into custody without incident, Oregon State Police Capt. Bill Fugate told The Associated Press.

The arrest happened at milepost 71 on Interstate 84, Fugate said, which puts the location just outside the town of Mosier, where a train carrying oil derailed on June 3, starting a large fire and forcing evacuations.

Lt. Chris Baldrige of the Marion County Sheriff's Office said the deputies had found two dead men, a wounded man and a wounded woman, and later issued a statement that said "tragically the female has died at the hospital and the male remains in critical condition."

The sheriff's office said it is for the time being withholding information on the victims and the shooter.

The Marion County Sheriff's Office thanked the Oregon State Police, Woodburn Police Department and Clackamas County Sheriff's Office for assisting.

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# Portland woman fatally shoots intruder in her child's bedroom

PORTLAND (AP) — Police in Portland, Oregon, say a 33-year-old woman returning home with her two young children shot and killed an intruder in one of her children's bedrooms.

Police say the woman cooperated with investigators after the Saturday evening shooting and wasn't arrested. The woman and her 5- and 10-year-old children weren't hurt.

A neighbor told Portland TV station KOIN-TV that the home had been vacant for some time before the family moved in and that squatters were periodically in the home.

# Oregon gun sales spike in wake of Orlando shooting

SALEM (AP) — Gun sales in Oregon increased significantly in the days after the mass shooting at a central Florida nightclub.

The Statesman Journal reports that state police data shows that 573 guns were sold June 12, the day of the shooting but just five

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days later 1,364 guns were sold in a single day.

On average, 558 guns were sold in Oregon each day of June 2015.

Gun shop owner Doug Raaf says fear of gun control is one reason some gun owners purchase more guns after a mass shooting. Mass shootings, such as the one at the gay nightclub Pulse in Orlando, Florida, often leads to talks of gun control legislation. Raaf says he often sees an increase in gun sales during presidential election years as gun owners fear disarmament.

# Central Oregon sees increase in Hispanic population

BEND (AP) — New population estimates from the U.S. Census Bureau show that the Hispanic population in Central Oregon has been steadily

growing. The Bulletin reports that the estimates released last week show that the number of Deschutes County residents who identify as Hispanic rose by 18 percent between 2010 and 2015. They make up about 8 percent of the county's population.

The Hispanic population in Jefferson and Crook counties grew by 6.6 and 11.5 percent, respectively, over the same time period.

Latino Community Association program manager Oscar Gonzalez says the organization is expanding its services and programs throughout central Oregon. The organization offers English tutoring, health services, computer training and other services to Latino families.

Population estimates gathered last summer show that about 17 percent of the U.S. population is Hispanic.

## Corrections

The Muddy Frogwater Festival in Milton-Freewater has been re-branded Milton-Freewater Rocks!, not discontinued. Incorrect information appeared in a Saturday, June 25 article "Milton-Freewater chamber director to retire." The East Oregonian works hard to be accurate and sincerely regrets any errors. If you notice a mistake in the paper, please call 541-966-0818.

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TODAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Hot with blazing sunshine	Hot with scorching sunshine	Very warm with plenty of sun	Partly sunny	Partly sunny
<b>95° 61°</b>	<b>96° 63°</b>	<b>92° 62°</b>	<b>89° 63°</b>	<b>83° 59°</b>
<b>99° 64°</b>	<b>100° 66°</b>	<b>97° 65°</b>	<b>94° 65°</b>	<b>88° 62°</b>

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

TEMPERATURE	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	93°	57°
Normals	83°	55°
Records	109° (2015)	42° (1934)

**PRECIPITATION**  
24 hours ending 3 p.m. 0.00"  
Month to date 0.93"  
Normal month to date 1.01"  
Year to date 6.52"  
Last year to date 5.00"  
Normal year to date 7.56"

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

TEMPERATURE	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	95°	54°
Normals	83°	55°
Records	108° (2015)	41° (2012)

**PRECIPITATION**  
24 hours ending 3 p.m. 0.00"  
Month to date 0.41"  
Normal month to date 0.55"  
Year to date 4.64"  
Last year to date 3.14"  
Normal year to date 5.69"

### REGIONAL FORECAST

**Coastal Oregon:** Partly sunny today. Partly cloudy tonight. Partly sunny tomorrow.

**Eastern Washington:** Abundant sunshine today. Clear tonight. A shower in spots in the north tomorrow.

**Cascades:** Sunny and very warm today. Clear tonight. Very warm tomorrow with plenty of sun.

**Northern California:** Sunshine today. Hot in central parts; pleasant at the coast. Clear tonight.

**Western Washington:** Sunny to partly cloudy today, except some clouds at the coast. Mainly clear tonight.

### REGIONAL CITIES

	Today			Wed.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Astoria	68	55	pc	69	55	pc
Baker City	89	52	s	90	54	s
Bend	87	54	s	87	52	s
Brookings	69	55	s	70	56	s
Burns	91	53	s	91	56	s
Enterprise	88	58	s	89	57	s
Eugene	86	51	s	87	49	s
Hepner	92	60	s	92	58	s
Hermiston	99	64	s	100	66	s
John Day	93	55	s	94	56	s
Klamath Falls	90	53	s	90	53	s
La Grande	90	56	s	92	56	s
Meacham	89	53	s	90	54	s
Medford	93	60	s	92	60	s
Newport	64	51	pc	64	51	pc
North Bend	67	54	pc	67	54	pc
Ontario	99	67	s	100	68	s
Pasco	100	62	s	100	65	s
Pendleton	95	61	s	96	63	s
Portland	84	58	s	84	58	s
Redmond	91	52	s	91	51	s
Salem	86	55	pc	86	53	s
Spokane	91	63	s	91	64	s
Ukiah	87	54	s	87	53	s
Vancouver	82	57	s	82	56	s
Walla Walla	96	65	s	97	66	s
Yakima	98	63	s	100	62	s

### WORLD CITIES

	Today			Wed.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Beijing	79	68	t	88	70	c
Hong Kong	91	82	sh	92	82	t
Jerusalem	81	67	s	84	68	s
London	65	52	r	62	56	r
Mexico City	73	53	t	72	55	t
Moscow	75	57	pc	77	60	pc
Paris	71	56	pc	71	57	pc
Rome	85	64	s	86	66	pc
Seoul	85	69	pc	85	70	pc
Sydney	62	45	s	63	47	s
Tokyo	75	69	r	77	70	sh

### WINDS

(in mph)	Today	Wednesday
<b>Boardman</b>	WSW 3-6	W 4-8
<b>Pendleton</b>	NW 4-8	WNW 4-8

### UV INDEX TODAY

**2 5 7 7 5 2**

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:** Showers and thunderstorms will extend from the Southern states to along much of the Atlantic Seaboard today. Afternoon storms will dot the deserts and Rockies. Severe storms will hit the High Plains.

**Yesterday's National Extremes:** (for the 48 contiguous states)  
**High 114°** in Needles, Calif. **Low 31°** in Leadville, Colo.

### NATIONAL CITIES

	Today			Wed.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Albuquerque	91	67	t	90	69	t
Atlanta	87	71	t	91	68	pc
Atlanta City	75	68	c	80	65	pc
Baltimore	84	66	t	82	64	pc
Billings	91	61	t	88	60	t
Birmingham	87	70	t	90	66	pc
Boise	99	65	s	99	67	s
Boston	79	65	c	77	65	pc
Charleston, SC	91	75	t	89	75	t
Chicago, IL	85	60	pc	78	56	pc
Chicago	71	54	pc	79	59	s
Cleveland	75	58	pc	76	56	s
Dallas	94	76	t	97	77	pc
Denver	90	61	t	87	60	t
Detroit	73	53	pc	80	55	s
El Paso	87	71	t	92	73	t
Fairbanks	73	55	c	77	59	pc
Fargo	81	59	s	83	59	s
Honolulu	85	74	pc	87	75	pc
Houston	91	73	t	91	74	t
Indianapolis	79	55	pc	77	57	pc
Jacksonville	91	73	t	89	72	t
Kansas City	84	63	pc	81	64	t
Las Vegas	110	84	pc	107	87	pc
Little Rock	94	73	pc	91	70	s
Los Angeles	92	65	s	89	63	pc
Louisville	87	61	s	80	61	s
Miami	94	73	pc	89	69	s
Milwaukee	90	77	t	90	78	t
Minneapolis	69	55	pc	78	61	s
Minneapolis	78	60	s	81	66	t
Nashville	91	65	pc	84	61	s
New Orleans	90	76	t	89	77	t
New York City	81	69	t	84	68	pc
Oklahoma City	90	68	t	92	70	s
Omaha	84	64	pc	84	65	t
Philadelphia	82	70	t	84	68	pc
Phoenix	108	90	t	106	88	t
Portland, ME	76	62	t	73	59	t
Providence	79	66	t	81	64	pc
Raleigh	82	67	t	88	67	pc
Rapid City	87	59	t	84	58	t
Reno	99	63	s	99	64	s
Sacramento	101	62	s	99	60	s
St. Louis	87	63	s	83	66	pc
Salt Lake City	100	76	pc	98	70	pc
San Diego	81	69	pc	80	67	pc
San Francisco	73	55	s	72	55	s
Seattle	81	59	s	80	58	s
Tucson	100	81	t	96	77	pc
Washington, DC	88	69	t	83	69	pc
Wichita	90	68	t	88	67	t

**Weather (W):** s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-th