

Portland blames feds for protest response

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The city of Portland is pushing back against federal prosecutors overseeing the Department of Justice settlement agreement, alleging Friday the federal government itself is at least partially responsible for the more than 6,000 documented uses of force by Portland police officers in 2020.

In a letter responding to the Justice Department's April 2 formal notification of non-compliance with the 2014 settlement, City Attorney Robert Taylor devotes the first page and a half to outlining a number of steps the city says it is taking to reform policing in Portland, and how the pandemic adversely impacted city functions last year.

Among the initiatives the city touted in its letter is Portland Street Response, a pilot program that provides a non-police response to 911 calls for people experiencing homelessness or in a mental health crisis in a small section of the city.

Mayor Ted Wheeler recently said he wants to slow the program's rollout and withhold



Portland Police declared a riot June 30 as protesters gathered outside Portland Police Union headquarters on N. Lombard Street. It was one of many confrontations over the summer.

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curity, like the Portland Police, has so far failed to implement policy changes recommended by that agency's inspector general and that DHS has been slow to complete its own after-action reports for protests.

The Justice Department civil rights division, the group overseeing the settlement agreement with Portland, has no involvement with the Department of Homeland Security.

funding to take the program citywide in his latest budget proposal.

Several pages in Portland's letter are spent explaining how federal law enforcement officers reinvigorated the protest movement last summer.

"The City hopes the DOJ understands that the conduct of the United States in Portland in 2020 made a difficult situation worse, inflamed the demonstrations, and contributed to the protracted and more intense protests in the City," the letter reads.

"As a result of the federal government's conduct, the City was placed in a much more dif-

ficult position to meet its obligations under the settlement agreement."

The letter argues that the Department of Homeland Se-

OBITUARY



LUCIA "LUCY" BRINEGAR

April 13, 2021

Lucia "Lucy" Brinegar died peacefully in her sleep in Bend, OR on April 13, 2021. Lucy died in her home with her husband James of nearly 50 years, her loving younger sister Sandra, her children, and grandchildren. Lucy's children are Brenda, Diana, James, and Chris. Her Grandchildren are Janis, Aaron, Jacob, Lauren, Nicholas, Chloe, Tiana, and Joey. She is also survived by her three sisters Josefina, Sandra, Rosalinda, and her mother Lucia. Lucy's humor and perseverance were seen throughout her transitional journey. Lucy's career for over 40 years was as a certified nursing aide. She was well known for her loving, compassionate, and giving nature as a care giver. Lucy was also very active in teaching and helping students throughout the years as well. Lucy's love of nature was evident in her care of the birds, deer, rabbits, and her garden. Lucy will be laid to rest in the Roseburg National Cemetery in Roseburg, Oregon, where she will remain until she is reunited with her husband Jim and they can again, enjoy classic rock music together.

OBITUARY



Wayne Emmett Shortreed

June 7, 1950 - April 23, 2021

Wayne is survived by his wife of 51 years, Kathleen Shortreed, and together they had 11 children. Shawna Scott, Stephanie Davis (Kris), Caroline Shortreed, James Shortreed, Amber KimBall (Shane), Clinton Shortreed (Crystal), Kristina Shortreed, Jacob Shortreed (Sarah), Susie Borden (Evan), Justin Shortreed, Hannah Dixon (Kenny). Together they have 20 grandkids and 1 great grandchild.

Wayne was born in South Dakota and moved to Redmond, Oregon when he was five years old. He graduated from Redmond Union High School class of '68. He married Kathleen Wells in 1970 in Redmond, Oregon.

Wayne was a very loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather, and friend. He was always willing to help anyone who needed it. He is loved and is greatly missed by all those who had the joy and honor of getting to know him.

He served seven years in the Army National Guard starting in 1971. He started working as a reserve Police Officer for the city of Redmond in 1973. He then worked as a Police Officer for the city of Bend, Oregon beginning in 1974 as an officer and detective for 10 years. He spent a year serving as the director of Bend's Crisis Rescue Mission. Wayne then transferred to the Redmond Police Department and worked there for another 25 years and retired as a Captain. During his time in Redmond Police Department he also went through FBI Academy at Quantico, VA and graduated.

During his time serving his community as a Police Officer, he also became a credentialed minister and served as a chaplain for the police department. He served many roles in his church including as an associate pastor and Sunday school teacher. He took great pride and found joy in serving his community in whatever role needed.

His Celebration of Life service will be taking place on May 22, 2021 at 10 am and will be held at Faith Christian Center located on 11th and Greenwood in Bend, Oregon.

In lieu of flowers or gifts please make a donation to Hospice Partners In Care.

Justice Department lawyers formally notified the city it was out of compliance April 2, after sending a blistering assessment of bureau actions during its 2020 protest response. That letter detailed numerous failures to adhere to bureau use of force directives, and in one instance said bureau leadership exhibited a "fundamentally flawed understanding of the constitutional and policy standard for use of force."

The city's 40-page response goes step-by-step through a long list of areas where DOJ said the city failed to meet its requirements. City attorneys disagreed with a number of

Justice Department claims and repeated its argument that no system could withstand the sheer volume of force incidents recorded in 2020.

Portland's strategy is unlikely to placate federal prosecutors who have so far rebuffed any claim that extenuating circumstances in 2020 somehow relieve the city of its obligations under the Constitution or the settlement agreement.

If the federal government's concerns aren't resolved by the city's letter or mediation, the federal judge overseeing the 2014 settlement agreement could choose to force a remediation plan on the city.

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Mark "Duke" Johnson

August 24, 1962 - December 19, 2020

Mark Charles Johnson, affectionately known to friends and family as "Duke" or "The Duke" passed away on December 19, 2020, from complications due to the COVID-19 virus. Duke was preceded in death by his parents, Donald and Sarah Johnson of Camarillo, California and Father-in-Law, Donald Dziak of Bend, Oregon. Duke was born on August 24, 1962 in Huntington, New York and was named for his Uncle Charlie Devlin with the same birthday.

Duke is survived by his wife, the Duchess, of "The Duke and Duchess" of twenty-nine years, Kathleen Johnson (nee Dziak) married April 27, 1991 in Camarillo, California, his children Victoria (Elmer) Chavez; granddaughter, Macyn Atziri Chavez, Hannah Johnson, Jared Johnson and Ethan Johnson. Also, his five brothers Christopher (Denise) Johnson; Shauna Johnson and Tyler (Cindy) Johnson, Richard (Kim) Johnson; Devin Johnson, Michael and Kathleen Johnson; Alissa (Kyle) Fisher and family, Joseph Johnson, Peter (Jodell) Johnson; Mitchell Johnson, Max Johnson, Brian (Christina) Johnson; Navy Aircrewman Rylan Johnson, Christian Johnson, Uncle Walter (Theresa) Johnson. Also, mother-in-law, Sheila Dziak, sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Chris and Steve Kettler, niece Katrina (James) Bruner and brother-in-law, Tom Dziak (Miguel Sanchez) and many cousins.

Duke graduated from Camarillo High School in 1980 and attended California State University, Northridge, graduating with a degree in General Education. He previously worked at St. Francis of Assisi Church for 16 years as the Director of Religious Education, CNA for Home Instead Senior Care and lastly as a Shift Leader and Mentor for all, at the Westside McDonald's of Bend.

Duke, Kathy and family moved to Bend, Oregon in 1996 where he and his growing family enjoyed a close-knit, warm and giving community. He was at every sporting event his kids were involved with including soccer, basketball, baseball, lacrosse, volleyball and tennis and was the score keeper and statistician for many of them, not to mention his love of refereeing volleyball and newfound interest in playing pickleball. He was very involved in his children's school events and field trips, volunteering for 18 years on Thursday mornings at Lava Ridge Elementary School.

No words can accurately capture the essence of Duke Johnson. He was always a dancing spirit of fun and life. He sought out and found the humor in every situation, endearing himself to everyone he met. He was always organizing some sort of event and moving it along. His all-time favorite movie was The Wizard of Oz, quoting it often by saying "that's a horse of a different color".

He was a devoted husband and father, who beamed with pride when talking about his family. He was proud of his wife, Kathy, and their 29 years of marriage. His children were always in his thoughts and never far from his heart. He was a natural as Papa Duke to his precious granddaughter Macyn. It was a role tailor-made to his strengths.

Duke was not famous, nor will his accomplishments be recorded much beyond this obituary. However, Duke should be counted among those who are unsung but whose influence will endure; those who make life bearable, make your time together fun and those who lived with a purpose. It will be easy to celebrate Duke's life because Duke was a celebration of life. His kindness, caring and compassion will live on in our memories. He is already sorely missed by the many who loved him.

The family wishes to thank St. Charles Hospital Staff for their compassionate care. In lieu of flowers the family asks that, in the name and spirit of Duke, and in this time of COVID-19, please reach out to someone who is isolated and struggling, and let them know they are loved.

"A heart is not judged by how much you love, but by how much you are loved by others." -Frank Morgan
A Celebration of Life will be held on July 24th, 2021. More information to follow and on the Duke Johnson Remembrance page on Facebook.

Umatilla Indian Reservation removes marijuana housing barrier

Associated Press

MISSION — The Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation have removed a tribal housing barrier.

The tribes announced last week they amended their housing department's drug elimination policy to allow tribal members to test positive for marijuana during the application process.

The news release said cannabis remains illegal on the reservation, but changing the policy was an acknowledgment

that marijuana was legal to consume in Oregon and Washington.

Officials said the policy also recognizes that THC, one of the active ingredients in cannabis, can stay in a person's system for weeks or longer.

The rule is narrow in application: The tribes will screen for drugs during the application process, and drugs that are illegal under federal or tribal law still can't be possessed or consumed while living in tribal housing.

DEATH NOTICES

Barbara Lynn Winters
of Redmond, OR
Dec 21, 1927 - May 3, 2021

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Autumn Funerals-REDMOND
www.autumfunerals.net 541-504-9485

Services:
Private services will be held at a later date.

Maria Lockhart
of Redmond, OR
Aug 20, 1930 - April 27, 2021

Arrangements:
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Services:
Services will be held at a later date.

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Barbara Lorene Stokoe

November 20, 1939 - April 22, 2021



Barbara Lorene Stokoe of Redmond passed away April 22, 2021. Barb was born and raised in Bend, by parents George & Margaret Stokoe and lived her entire life in Central Oregon. She became a hair stylist, owning and operating "Barb's Hair Chalet" for over 20 years,

and continued to cut hair into her 70s. She especially loved the social aspect of her profession, becoming friends with many of her clients and co-workers. She had an infectious laugh and a great sense of humor.

Throughout her life, Barb enjoyed sewing, crocheting, knitting, crafting, and buying lots of shoes! But her most favorite pastime was watching her beloved Ducks play football, dressed in her Duck gear and wrapped in her Duck blanket! She was much loved and will be deeply missed.

Barb was preceded in death by her parents, brothers David & Toby Stokoe, son Jon Paxton, and daughter Marci Paxton. She is survived by her son Guy Paxton (Lisa), 4 grandsons, and 2 great-grandchildren. At her request, no funeral service will be held.