

USDC of Or. Case No. 3:19-cv-01606-SB

*Cantu, et. al. v. City
of Portland, et. al.*

August 4, 2018

- Far Right groups chose Portland for another rally because of our City's professed progressive, multi-cultural values, and because of our Police Bureau's history of preferential treatment for groups like theirs.
- In the previous months, PPB used violent tactics to clear out antifascist protesters opposing the presence and tactics of groups like the ones gathering on August 4, 2018. While antifascists met violence, the Far Right met deference.

What kind of deference?

The day before the rally, Gibson posted a video with instructions for would-be rallygoers to find the plaza. Alternatively, participants could catch one of the yellow school buses Patriot Prayer deployed to bring attendees to the rally. He said the plan was to gather at Schunk Plaza, noting no weapons would be permitted. But he reassured participants that “security” would be stationed outside the rally point with **guns**.



Video credited from Facebook

Gibson’s speech at some points became militant. He went on at length about George Washington and how he led his men to war.

“Before you know it, it’s going to be too late, and then the guns are going to have come out,” he said. “And then we’re going to have make the same sacrifices our forefathers made.”

Another speaker, California “alt-lite” figure Haley Adams, disparaged Portland and its mayor. “We don’t have to leave the country to see a shithole, because you’re standing in a shithole today!” Adams told the audience.

Senate Candidate Joey Gibson Has Moved His Next Portland Protest to a Place Where Right-Wing Marchers Can Carry Guns

A second rally planned in Berkeley, Calif. was cancelled after a white supremacist group had been invited.



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Katie Shepherd, *Senate Candidate Joey Gibson Has Moved His Next Portland Protest to a Place Where Right-Wing Marchers Can Carry Guns*, Willamette Week (July 27, 2018).

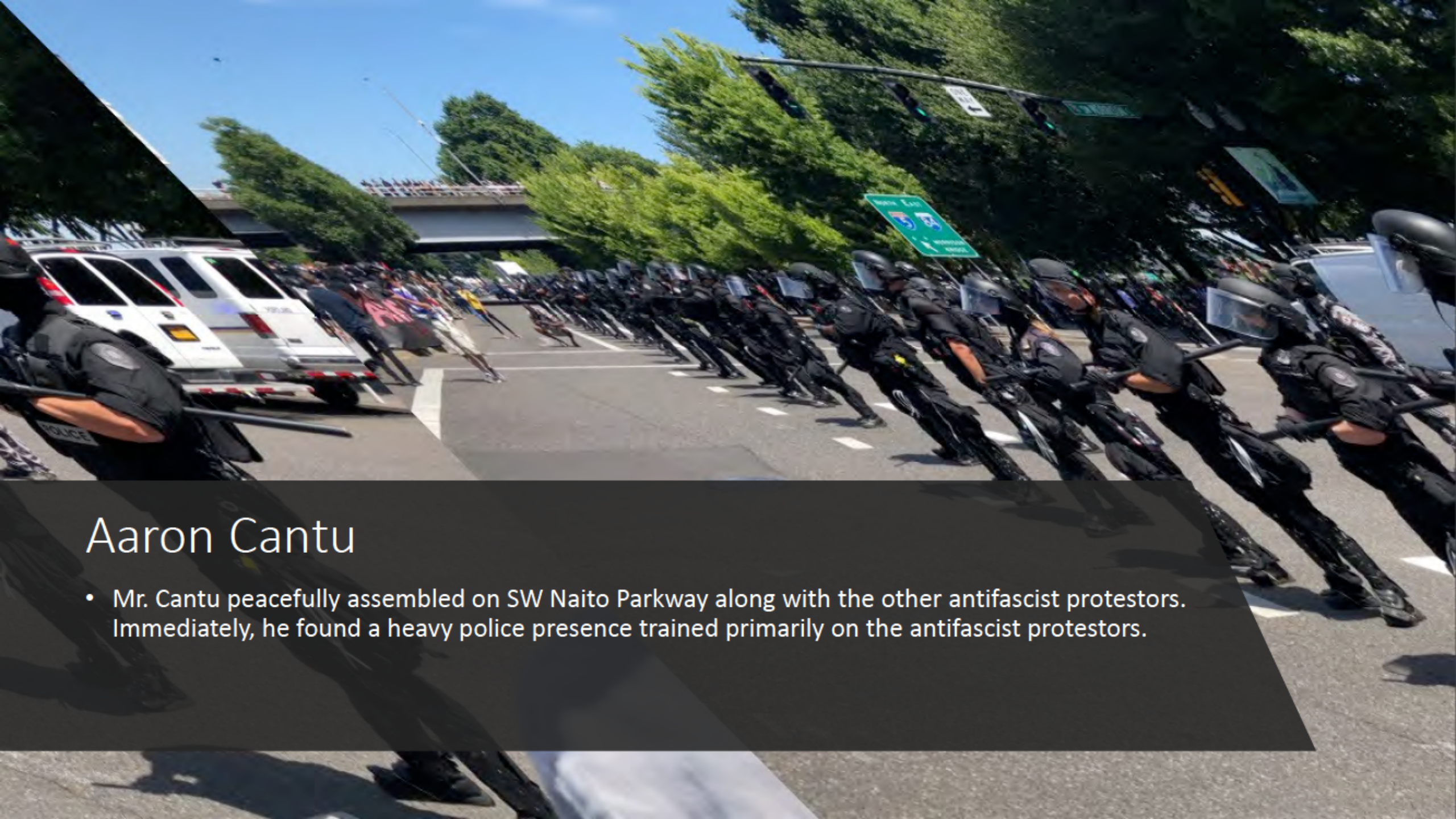
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Portland Police Found Right-Wing Protesters With a Cache of Long Guns Atop a Parking Garage. Why Didn't the Mayor Know?

"Prior to the start of the scheduled demonstrations, police discovered individuals who had positioned themselves on a rooftop parking structure in downtown Portland with a cache of firearms."

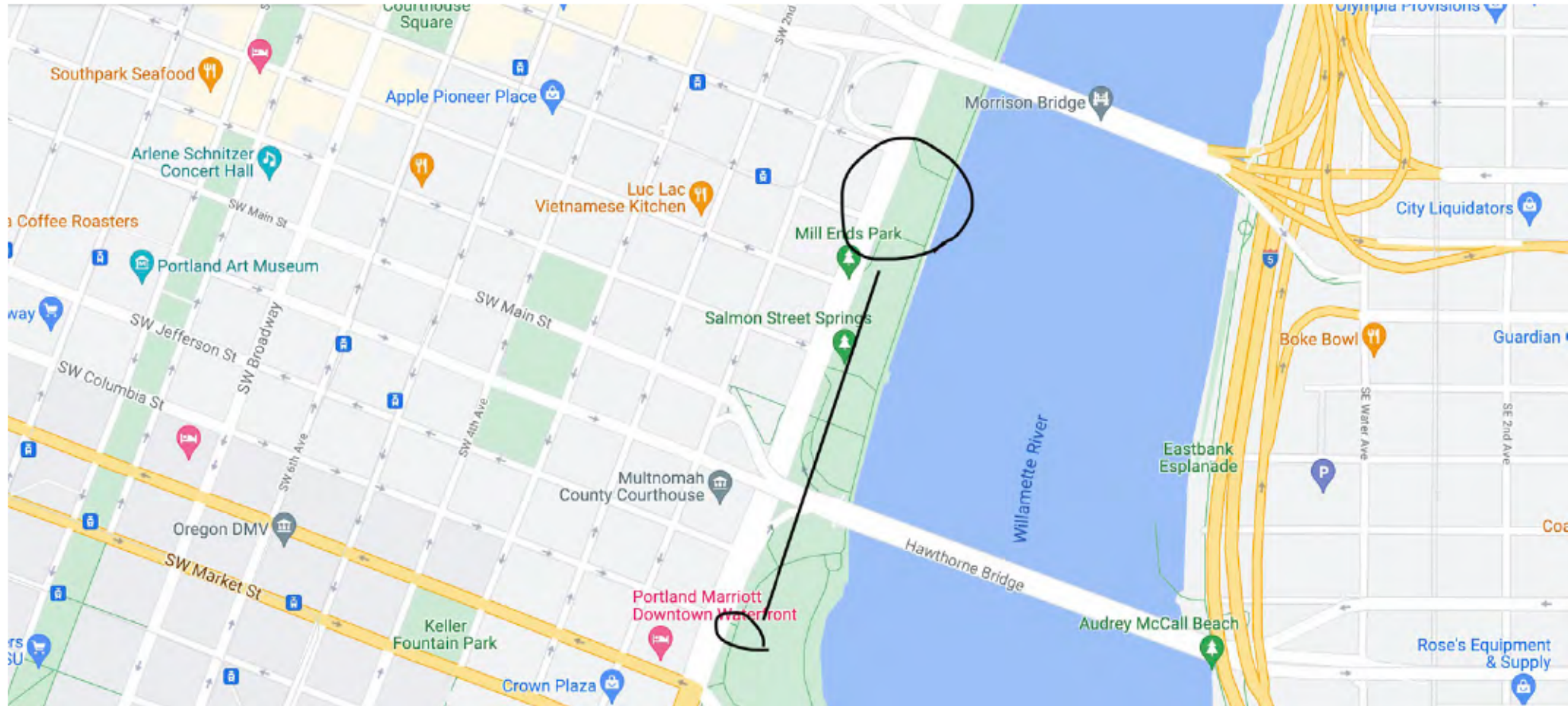
Katie Shepherd, Portland Police Found Right-Wing Protesters With a Cache of Long Guns Atop a Parking Garage. Why Didn't the Mayor Know?, Willamette Week (October 16, 2018)



Aaron Cantu

- Mr. Cantu peacefully assembled on SW Naito Parkway along with the other antifascist protestors. Immediately, he found a heavy police presence trained primarily on the antifascist protestors.

Joey Gibson and the Far Right Ignore Orders



Antifascists Move to Respond, Face Police





“Aerial Distraction
Devices”

- High velocity projectiles that can travel as fast as 200 mph

PPB is trained not to shoot at people's heads

"They're trained to fire arial distraction devices," Ryan said at a press conference Monday afternoon. "They're trained to fire those not directly at individuals. They're trained to fire them over the crowd. Those devices are designed so that if you have a 15 degree up angle... they should actuate roughly 20 feet above that person's head."

Katie Shepherd, Portland Police Suspend Use of "Flash-Bang" Grenades After Reports That Several Protesters Were Severely Injured By the Weapons, Willamette Week (August 6, 2018).

PPB Aimed at the Crowd's Heads



Aaron is struck in the head



Taken to the hospital





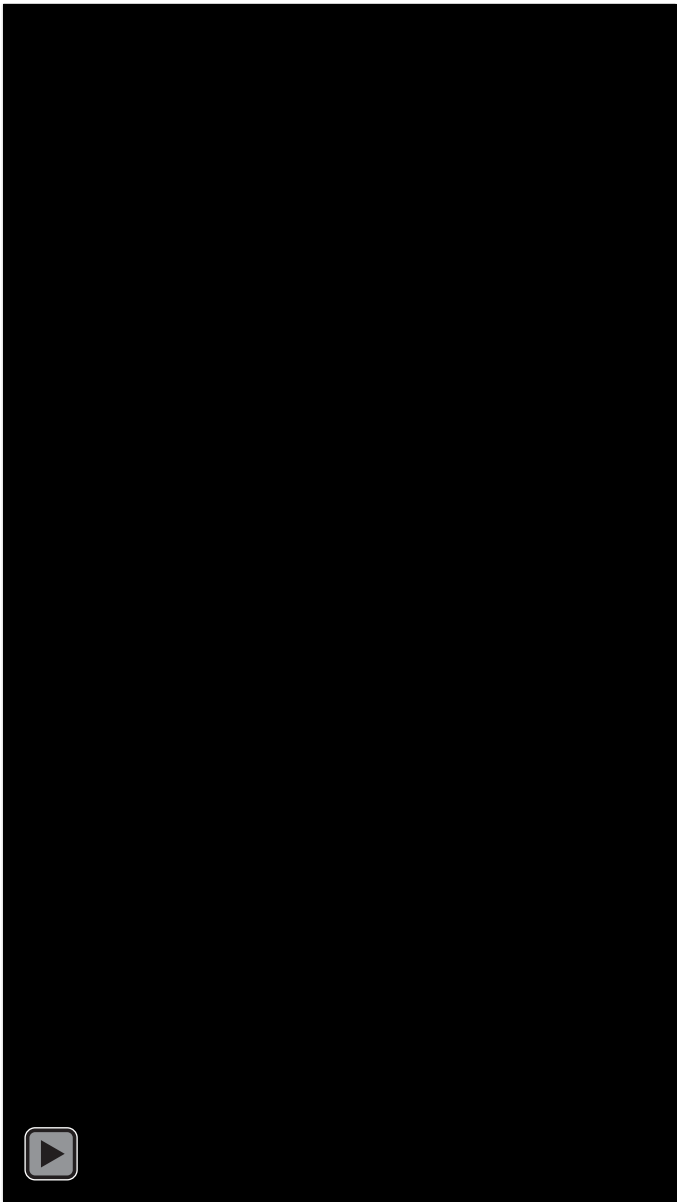
Shane Kavanaugh and Beth Nakamura, *'It felt like a war zone': Portland protester hit in head by police flash-bang speaks*, *The Oregonian* (Aug 11, 2019)





Meanwhile...
The Alt-Right
Cheer

Vice News, Patriot Prayer Is Dragging Antifa Into An Unwinnable PR War (HBO)



No Accountability



Portland City Auditor
Independent Police Review

Auditor Mary Hull Caballero

Director Constantin Severe

April 05, 2019

Aaron Cantu
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IPR Case Number: 2018-C-0260

Dear Mr. Cantu:

On 08/06/2018 the Independent Police Review (IPR) received your complaint about the conduct of unidentified Portland Police Bureau Officers during an August 4, 2018, protests where you received a serious injury. IPR initiated its investigation prior to your legal counsel filing a tort claim against the Police Bureau but details included within it provided the assigned IPR investigator information that was useful to this investigation.

During our inquiry IPR staff reviewed police reports, many hours of video, witness statements, and dispatch records related to the incident. Unfortunately, IPR was unable to interview you during this investigation. Despite our best efforts, IPR was unable to identify an involved officer and will administratively close this investigation.

Your complaint is stored in a database that we use to analyze patterns of conduct as they emerge over time. These reviews help us to improve the quality of police services to the community in the long term. Thank you for your contribution to our effort.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Constantin Severe'.

Constantin Severe
Director

IPR is interested in your feedback related to this complaint. Please visit www.portlandiprsurvey.com for a brief survey about your experience with IPR's process. It may be helpful to have this letter with you when you fill out the survey. It should take no more than 10 minutes and we appreciate your help.



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