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Communication

Request of Glenn Gutman to address Council regarding egregious selectivity by Portland Police

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A brief description of Communication:

U-hauls insurance company told me to call police regarding accident involving a rental; website and 911 said to just exchange insurance information--no report made.

Learned of restraining order that wasn't enforced at a building I used to live in, despite urging by building management.

No assistance finding missing friend despite team available to work with police at the phone company.

Prevention of murder is better than waiting for it before investigation.

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258 Communications in April 13-14, 2022 Council Agenda

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April 13, 2022

From:	Council Clerk – Testimony
To:	Commissioners and Staff Testimony
Subject:	Agenda Items 257-258 Testimony
Date:	Tuesday, April 12, 2022 2:49:00 PM
Attachments:	MISSING PERSON_ Aaron S. R. Tweedy _ oregon.pdf Mac"s statement.pdf Carol"s statement.pdf Glenn"s statement.pdf Responsibilities missed via selectivity.pdf Diana"s statement.pdf

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From: Diana Marie OG <diana.marie.og1@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 12, 2022 11:57 AM
To: Clerk General <councilclerk@portlandoregon.gov>; Council Clerk – Testimony <CCTestimony@portlandoregon.gov>
Cc: Glenn Gutman <glendolium@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: Communications Topics for April 13th Council Meeting

Hello Keelan

Attached are our statements, accompanied by collected statements from those who were witnesses in our experiences that prompted us to reach out to the council. Also included are photos documenting efforts that were put into finding our friend, and a reddit forum in which a trimet officer responded within the limits of a trimet employee's capacity to provide assistance ("Posted on a private TriMet page. Hope it helps"), and a screenshot of a nextdoor posting. For simplicity I have included the council clerk-testimony; I'm hoping this is adequate as we prepare for tomorrow's council meeting. If there are any additional steps we need to take before tomorrow's meeting please let me know. I have a TBI from combat, and my preferred method of communication is phone (360-214-1571). Thank you for your time and your help.

(repeated links for reddit and nextdoor)
https://www.reddit.com/r/oregon/comments/svvdxm/missing_person_aaron_s_r_tweedy/
https://nextdoor.com/p/STj4bGrfstMX?utm_source=share&extras=NDE2NDgxNjU%3D

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On Fri, Apr 1, 2022 at 5:38 PM Clerk General <councilclerk@portlandoregon.gov> wrote:

> Hi Diana,
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> Written testimony may be submitted at any time to cctestimony@portlandoregon.gov and will be distributed to members of Council and their staff. To submit your own written testimony to add the record for Communication, it would be best to wait until after 9:00 a.m. on Friday, April 8, when the April 13 Agenda has been posted so you can note the agenda item number in your email. Written testimony for a Communication must be submitted before the item is heard by the individual providing the Communication to be included in the record.
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> Thank you,
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> **From:** Diana Marie OG <diana.marie.og1@gmail.com>
> **Sent:** Friday, April 1, 2022 1:51 PM
> **To:** Glenn Gutman <glendolium@gmail.com>
> **Cc:** Clerk General <councilclerk@portlandoregon.gov>
> **Subject:** Re: Communications Topics for April 13th Council Meeting
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> Good Afternoon Keelan,
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> Thank you for your email. My husband and I will be speaking on the same topic "Egregious Selectivity by Portland police " on April 13th. We are in the process of collecting statements and

testimonies to present to the Council, in addition to drafting our own statements that will be read during the Council meeting. When it comes to submitting evidence to the Council, such as statements and testimonies, photos and an outline of legislative infraction neglected by Portland police; when is the submission deadline?
Thank you for all of your help regarding this pressing issue.

From the bottom of my heart, thank you.
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On Thu, Mar 31, 2022 at 10:23 PM Glenn Gutman <glendolium@gmail.com> wrote:

> Could we change it to: Egregious Selectivity by Portland Police
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> On Thu, Mar 31, 2022, 6:14 PM Clerk General <councilclerk@portlandoregon.gov> wrote:
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> > Hi Glenn and Diana,
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> > Thank you again for registering for Communications on April 13th. Are you speaking on the same topic? We are checking in to see if your short titles should match to say "Neglect by Portland Police."

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Contact the Clackamas County Nonemergency line
503 786-7400
Or contact Brynne Hunt at 435-650-5012 with any information on Aaron

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HELP US FIND AARON S R TWEEDY

Last seen wearing this outfit minus the Santa hat

These photos show his guitar and case that he likely has with him. He may busk on the street for cash.

Aaron relies entirely on public transportation. He will likely be spotted on a bus or train, or possibly on foot. He is usually singing or playing music

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Bybee Lakes Success Story - as you might remember, Wapato Jail is now Bybee Lakes Hope Center, and it has been helping quite a lot of people get shelter!

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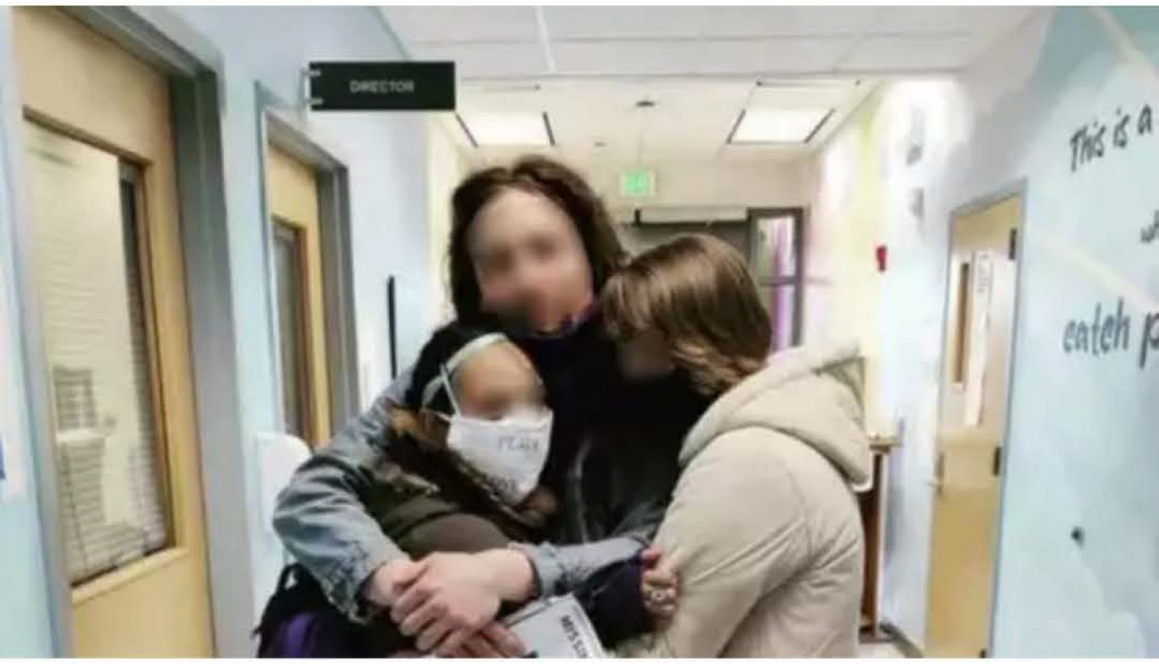

Bybee Lakes Success Story - as you might remember, Wapato Jail is now Bybee Lakes Hope Center, and it has been helping quite a lot of people get shelter! Trimet provided a shuttle and private donations also were accepted. I was happy to donate to this. Here is a post that was shared with me. Please do donate to them!!

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Posted by u/Ubi2447 2 months ago

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Ubi2447 **OP** · 2 mo. ago

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Dangerous-Cherry-922 · 2 mo. ago

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Ubi2447 **OP** · 2 mo. ago

Last seen 1/27 in the Milwaukee area. Aaron doesn't have a car so uses public transit to commute.

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cerberus_scritches · 2 mo. ago

Missing persons case number?

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Ubi2447 **OP** · 2 mo. ago · *edited 2 mo. ago*

Some people were experiencing the image being cut off or cropped, possibly on the reddit app. Here's a link to the poster image: https://imgur.com/gallery/6iYxRzf

Thank you for making us aware of this issue and for any help.

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mzrushen · 2 mo. ago

Posted on a private TriMet page. Hope it helps

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TheDescriptive · 2 mo. ago

You don't appear to provide a case number or official contact for the law enforcement office heading this. Can you provide that info?

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littlebabyfruitbat · 2 mo. ago

They did provide case number

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cerberus_scritches · 2 mo. ago

Can you provide a missing persons case number?

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Feisty-Juan · 2 mo. ago

Some last place seen info and only most recent pic is the most helpful things you can do

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In the first week of February 2022 my girlfriend informed me that a very close and dear friend of hers, Aaron, had gone missing and that his family and friends had not heard from him. Aaron and my partner have known each other for years after he had helped her to escape a dangerous and life-threatening domestic violence situation. Those of us who know the situation believe that Aaron saved my girlfriend's life. As with any of us, with the thought of a close friend being in trouble, cold, hungry, hurt, or worse it sent us immediately searching through the normal avenues to help find our friend. My girlfriend began reaching out to local police departments. I remember her telling me that there was a case number and that the case was ongoing, but that there was a lack of 'steam' due to the fact that Aaron had no previously documented mental health or medical history that would cause the case to be prioritized further. We knew after speaking with family that he began to show signs and 'red-flags' of mental health issues just prior to his disappearance. I was told that some of these behavioral signs pointed to the real possibility of late-onset schizophrenia, supposedly known to be a disorder his father has. Friends from as far as Illinois gathered in Portland to begin looking for Aaron. People with autism, people with ADHD, PTSD, a military veteran with a TBI who just got out of the hospital, recovering from surgery. The group of us who began looking for him knew the dangers of how someone with this disorder can be for a person who isn't medicated and supported. We became scared for Aaron and without much contact or help from police, and while working multiple day jobs, we started to mobilize on our own. Using our own finances to purchase posters and flyers, tape and staple-guns, flyer-sleeves, and transit tickets. It was exhausting looking for Aaron. For days we met downtown, fanning out in cars and on trains. We spoke to many people, anyone who would look at his poster or listen to our worries. After our first couple of ventures looking for our lost friend, we quickly learned that much of the time spent looking for Aaron was also having to organize who we had contacted, who we needed to follow-up with, keeping in contact with the investigators who were assigned to Aarons case, adding even more to our work load. In that time we called shelters, contacted news outlets, and spoke to as many people as we could about our missing friend. Many said that they would keep an eye out and a few said they thought they may have seen Aaron. Giving up our free time after work and weekends was taxing, both physically and emotionally.

Then the moment all of us had been waiting and praying for. Almost one month since Aaron had gone missing, Someone at Bybee Lake Center saw one of our posters and called us about a person staying in their facility who matched Aaron's description. We were ecstatic, but hesitant, to feel into our elief after previous false positives. With hearts filled and after many sleepless nights, we set eyes on our missing friend. It really was Aaron! However, quickly emotions of relief, joy, and resolution gave way to confusion, disappointment and anger as we learned that it was Tigard police that had discovered Aaron and physically brought him to the Bybee facility. It was the Tigard police who had discovered him, not the Portland police investigating his case. And while we spent our days, nights, weekends and the last scraps of energy that we had to search for Aaron, he had already been found, but still left 'missing'. Again, why is it that people dealing with challenges on a good day had to come together to find him? People from as far as Illinois, 4 days across the country, came together to ask people on the street, Join PDX, warming shelters, people on transit and at stops face to face if they had seen him.

I don't understand how or why Aaron wasn't identified as a missing person at the point of contact with law enforcement officers. That information should have not just been identified but also given to the departments in charge of his missing persons case. I cannot understand how these departments, so close to one another, either aren't willing or able to have that communication. It took days for Aaron to be found after he was brought to Bybee Lake Center. Days that could have been spent helping Aaron seek mental health services as well as other support to reduce the chances of him having another mental crisis, possibly avoiding injury or becoming lost again. To me it's simple: There should be a system in place to label a person as missing, a database that is queried when a person who's missing is identified and both departments should be alerted of this discovery. This sounds like something obvious to me, and if it is standard procedure, why did it not happen here? A missing persons database to be able to cross-reference identified people should exist to allow anyone from any department who may use this system to make that discovery and get that person the help they need.

My son was missing for a month. He disappeared while suffering from mental health issues due to trauma. I'm writing in hopes of bringing awareness to the lack of police support in this matter. They did little to nothing to search for my son. I'm sure there are countless others in the same situation.

I had last spoke with my son 01/27/2022, the next day his phone was going directly to voicemail and no reply to any texts. He was staying with one of my other sons at the time and they had an argument on the 27th. He left on foot with his backpack & guitar. After not being able to contact him for a week, I became very concerned for his safety. After calling a list of hospitals, I filed a missing persons report with the Clackamas county police dept. Police said since he's an adult all they can do is notify me if he reaches out to them, or they come across him. if a different police dept comes across him, they may just simply close the case and not contact me, it is at the officer's discretion. I asked if they could locate where his phone is (that I own), but they said no and referred me to my phone carrier.

I called Apple and my phone carrier twice, and due to privacy laws, they couldn't ping his phone to get a location without police authorization.

I called the police again on 02/13/2022 and asked the officer handling the case if they would be able to tell where his EBT card was last used, so we would at least know the area he may be in for me & my son to search, but she said they don't have access to that type of info.

Feeling helpless, hopeless and afraid for Aaron, I asked my two sons to post something on Face Book. Within no time friends and strangers were all sharing the post and actively looking for him. One of Aaron's best friends messaged me and created a missing persons flyer & video which has also been distributed on multiple social media platforms. Two of his other close friends drive across county from Illinois to help search for Aaron together. The three of them hung & passed out flyers in Portland and surrounding towns, Beaverton, hillsboro, Gresham and including numerous trimet stops. They were actively out in the icy weather day after day for hours, joined by another friend, who was also very concerned for my sons safety & well being. I am so great full for all of the love & support. At the same time am very disheartened and frustrated with the police not being able to use resources to at least locate the phone My son is using. I reached out to the Clackamas county officer again 02/25/2022 and I let her know how much loved ones are doing to search for him and asked again if they could locate his phone (that I own)- because the carrier won't do so without law enforcement involved. I also asked about accessing Trimet footage.

The officer said there is nothing more they can do at this point. They have to meet a certain criteria, and the phone carrier should be able to help me if I own the phone and that they can't just ping peoples phones every time someone requests it and cant sit there & monitor TriMet footage daily. She also said he's probably not missing and may be hanging out in a homeless camp. Because he was found walking out of a homeless camp by Washington county police after he disappeared for 3 days in November, from my home in Tigard. I was very great full to Washington county police for their efforts I know they actually searched for him.

The Clackamas county officer did mention that they could request dental records after 30 days...but that's from the time I filed the report which was 02/06/2022.

Aaron was found 02/27/2022 after his friends from out of state received a call from Bybee Hope Center. He had been staying there for a week after sleeping in the streets from the time of his disappearance. He has suffered further emotional Trama as a result of these events, but is now seeking help, thanks to loved ones friends and citizens who stepped up to the task, where the police did not. Aaron was found within a week of his friends arriving from Illinois, but could've been found a lot sooner with support from the police.

My wife and I drove from Illinois to Portland to help find a friend of ours who had gone missing. His mother had filed a missing person report, but had received no help from Portland police.

The first thing *we* did was contact Verizon to see if a family member on his plan could obtain information as to whether his phone was active, just to make sure he was alive. Verizon told us that they have a team for this purpose, but they can only work with law enforcement. The Portland police told our friend's mother that she would not be informed even if her son were located alive because being missing isn't a crime.

While we were in town and visiting places we thought our friend may have gone to feel safe, including a place where we had previously resided. While speaking with the management team, we learned that one week earlier they had called the police on behalf of a resident who couldn't enter her home because a man against whom she had a restraining order was parked outside the building to intercept her. The Portland police told management they would not even send an officer to drive by, because they didn't want to intimidate the man.

During our search my wife was visiting a friend who lives in the Pearl district. While she was there our friend received a text message from a neighbor informing her that the police had been called because of a homeless person of color who had stowed his belongings on a neighbor's porch. Within the hour, police had arrived to intimidate the man off of the property.

Ecclesiastes 4:1 [kjv]
So I returned, and considered all the oppressions that are done under the sun: and behold the tears of such as were oppressed, and they had no comforter; and on the side of their oppressors there was power; but they had no comforter.

Exodus 23:6 [cjb]
Do not deny anyone justice in his lawsuit simply because he is poor.

Our friend was located by the *Tigard* Police; they gave him shoes, a tent, and a ride to the Bybee Lake hope center. Since they were not in communication with Portland police, they were unaware that he was considered a missing person, yet they helped him anyway. A stranger who had seen the fliers my wife and I had been posting called and we were reunited with our friend.

While we were bringing him to live with us, he and his mother were called and scolded for not reporting him found. Our friend didn't even know he was missing, and it boggles my mind that anyone would think his mother would call to update the report after how thoroughly it was communicated to her that the report's existence served no purpose. And thus the report was closed as if a job had been well done, when in fact nothing had been done at all.

Deuteronomy 16:9 [cjb]
You are not to distort justice or show favoritism, and you are not to accept a bribe, for a gift blinds the eyes of the wise and twists the words of even the upright.

Ecclesiastes 9:2-3a [cjb]
***Anything can happen to anyone**; the same thing can happen to the righteous as to the wicked, to the good and clean and to the unclean, to someone who offers a sacrifice and to someone who doesn't offer a sacrifice; it is the same for a good person as for a sinner, for someone who takes an oath rashly as for someone who fears to take an oath. 3 This is another evil among all those done under the sun, that **the same events can occur to anyone.** [...]*

Ecclesiastes 9:16-17 [gnb]
I have always said that wisdom is better than strength, but no one thinks of the poor as wise or pays any attention to what they say.[17] It is better to listen to the quiet words of someone wise than to the shouts of a ruler at a council of fools.

Proverbs 22:2 [gnb]
The rich and the poor have this in common: the LORD made them both.

Additional Verses

Proverbs 22:22 [gnb]
Don't take advantage of the poor just because you can; don't take advantage of those who stand helpless in court.

Deuteronomy 15:11 [kjv]
For the poor shall never cease out of the land: therefore I command thee, saying, Thou shalt open thine hand wide unto thy brother, to thy poor, and to thy needy, in thy land.

**The word pagan comes from paganus
In Latin, *paganus* originally meant "country dweller" or "civilian." source:
https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/pagan

Nehemiah 5:1-10 [cjb] [emphasis supplied]
Then there arose a great outcry from the common people and their wives against their brothers the [wealthier] Judeans. [2] Some of them said, "Counting our sons and daughters, there are a lot of us! Allow us to get grain for them, so that we can eat and stay alive." [3] There were also some who said, "We are mortgaging our fields, vineyards and homes in order to buy grain, because of the famine." [4] Yet others said, "We have borrowed money for the king's taxes against our fields and vineyards. [5] Now **our flesh is no different from the flesh of our kinsmen, and our children are the same as their children**; yet we are bringing our sons and daughters into bondage as slaves. Some of our daughters have gone into slavery already, and it's beyond our power to do anything about it, because other men have our fields and vineyards."
[6] When I heard their outcry and the reasons for it, I became very angry. [7] I thought the matter over and then took issue with the nobles and rulers. I charged them, "You are lending against pledges, everyone to his brother"; and I summoned a great assembly to deal with them. [8] I said to them, "We, to the limit of our ability, have redeemed our brothers the Judeans who sold themselves to the pagans**. Now you are selling your own brothers, and we will have to buy them back!" They stayed silent; they couldn't think of anything to say. [9] I also said, "What you are doing is not good! You should be living in fear of our God, so that our pagan** enemies won't have grounds for deriding us. [10] Moreover, my brothers and my servants, I too have loaned them money and grain. **Please, let's stop making it so burdensome to go into debt.**

Luke 12:16 [gnb]
Then Jesus told them this parable: "There was once a rich man who had land which bore good crops.[17] He began to think to himself, 'I don't have a place to keep all my crops. What can I do? [18] This is what I will do,' he told himself; 'I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, where I will store the grain and all my other goods. [19] Then I will say to myself, Lucky man! You have all the good things you need for many years. Take life easy, eat, drink, and enjoy yourself !' [20] But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night you will have to give up your life; then who will get all these things you have kept for yourself ? ' " [21] And Jesus concluded, "This is how it is with those who pile up riches for themselves but are not rich in God's sight."

Matthew 20:9-16 [gnb]
The men who had begun to work at five o'clock were paid a silver coin each. [10] So when the men who were the first to be hired came to be paid, they thought they would get more; but they too were given a silver coin each. [11] They took their money and started grumbling against the employer. [12] 'These men who were hired last worked only one hour,' they said, 'while we put up with a whole day's work in the hot sun—yet you paid them the same as you paid us!' [13] 'Listen, friend,' the owner answered one of them, 'I have not cheated you. After all, you agreed to do a day's work for one silver coin. [14] Now take your pay and go home. I want to give this man who was hired last as much as I gave you. [15] Don't I have the right to do as I wish with my own money? Or are you jealous because I am generous?' " [16] And Jesus concluded, "So those who are last will be first, and those who are first will be last."

While I was still recovering from an invasive surgery the previous month, my husband and I drove four days across the country to Portland Oregon to look for a friend who had gone missing. He had last been seen on January 27th, and an official missing person report was filed on 2/6/22; case number 22-901. His mother was unable to get assistance from law enforcement–even for determining whether her son was still alive–and reached out to us for help.

We contacted his phone company to see if they could possibly give us or someone else on his account any information as to whether his phone was active–just trying to find evidence that he might be alive. The representative at Verizon (Deborah) was very understanding of our plight. She commiserated with us and informed us that they have a team for this purpose; the only hang-up is that they can only work with law enforcement–which told his mother they wouldn't confirm whether her son was alive even if they learned that he was.

Another friend who was spearheading the search reached out to Trimet to see if they could search security footage to see whether he was alive; a Trimet officer was willing to post a missing person flier, but could only assist further with the intervention of law enforcement.

We didn't know our friend's state of mind at the time, so during our search we visited locations where we thought he might go in pursuit of safety. When we stopped by a place that we had previously lived, we learned that only a week earlier one of the current residents was prevented from entering her own home because a man against whom she had a restraining order was parked outside the building to intercept her. Management had called the police to inform them of the situation. They were told that no officers would even drive by because they didn't want to intimidate the man–against whom an Oregon State judge, in a court of law, had signed the restraining order.

This reopened a personal wound. In November 2018, I attended Portland Fashion Style Awards while in possession of a restraining order against a man (Tony Iyke) who raped me while were on a networking trip in Vancouver Canada. The coordinator of the event told me I had to leave because I was making that man uncomfortable. I showed her my protective order, which she took to the directors of the event. When she returned she said that the police had been called and had said that under the circumstances I would be the one who needed to leave or I would be escorted from the property by law enforcement. I filed a report, and the officer who came to our home to take our statement said that law enforcement would never under any circumstances advise what the coordinator had told me.

Three and a half years later, the experience of a resident, who in court had appealed for and been granted protection, suggests that this is no longer the case.

While we were staying in town to look for our friend, I was visiting another friend who lives in the Pearl district. While I was there, my host received a text message from a neighbor informing my host that a homeless black man had been seen stowing his possessions on the porch of a different neighbor. The text message said that law enforcement had already been notified, and was on their way. Within the hour, the police had arrived to chase him from the property with no regard to his personal belongings.

These two contrasting situations reflect an egregious selectivity in the upholding of law. As a veteran, I am in full support of people (constituents) who choose to serve their communities, states, and country by swearing to uphold the law for justice and equality. But I'm left wondering: how is it equitable for the city of Portland to ignore the cries of the vulnerable (resident with a protective order who couldn't go home unless it were enforced) constituents whose taxes contribute to the financial stability of the police department.

While the Portland police bureau was refusing to help locate a mother's lost son, our friend was found by the Tigard police. The Tigard police provided him with sweatpants, shoes, a tent, and transportation to the Bybee Lakes Hope Center. A helpful stranger who had seen one of the many fliers we had posted over the course of several days contacted us to notify us of his location. We rushed over there immediately and were reunited with our missing brother. **Our story had a happy ending, but what of those who don't have friends who can afford the days required to hang enough fliers.**

After locating our friend we set about putting his affairs in order so he could come live with us. We rented a uhaul to empty his storage unit. While my husband (driving the U-haul) was waiting in line at a gas station, another vehicle backed into him. When my husband called me to let me know that the accident was putting our plan on hold, I told him to call the police; U-haul's customer service line told him the same thing. They also told him to get a police report number to give to them. My husband contacted 911 (the non-emergency line didn't answer) and despite the involvement of a commercial vehicle (the U-haul), the operator told him to exchange insurance information and abruptly ended the call. No law enforcement was dispatched to the scene of an accident with a commercial vehicle, and no case number was given to my husband to provide to uhaul and their insurance company (Repwest).

While we were returning home with our recovered friend, his mother reached out to us in distress because she had been contacted by law enforcement following up a month after she had filed a missing persons report. The officer had scolded her for not following up to report that he had been found, as if the idea would have occurred to her after it had been so clearly communicated that they were not going to look for him.

At the same instance, law enforcement called our recovered friend to ask him why he hadn't reported himself found. I was disgusted and appalled at the conversation taking place, let alone that my dear friend who had been on the streets, alone, cold and hungry was pressured to apologize to the police for not calling them to say that he had been found.

We're not asking for the corrected flow of apologies for their response and lack of assistance to a distressed mother;. We're not asking that they relinquish the "pat on the back for a job well done" when that job was done by someone else entirely. We're not asking that they apologize for not enforcing a protective order. We're not even asking for a pay reduction. We are only asking that they fulfill their function, and that the city of Portland does a thorough investigation on open cases at the Portland police bureau, and monitor the work and effort and the selectivity of cases that are addressed.

Public safety is a community effort, and the people of Portland deserve better!

Investigations of Deaths, Injuries and Missing Persons

ORS 146.181
Missing persons
https://oregon.public.law/statutes/ors_146.181#:~:text=When%20a%20person%20is%20reported,by%20the%20authorities%20responsible%20respectively

When a person is reported as missing to any city, county or state police agency, the agency, within 12 hours thereafter, shall enter into state and federal records maintained for that purpose, a report of the missing person in a format and according to procedures established by the authorities responsible respectively for the state and federal records.

(2) The law enforcement agency to which the report is made:

(a) May request from the person making the report information or material likely to be useful in identifying the missing person or the human remains of the missing person, including, but not limited to:

(B) The date of birth of the missing person;

(C) A physical description of the missing person, including the height, weight, gender, race, eye color, current hair color and natural hair color of the missing person, any identifying marks on the missing person, any prosthetics used by, or surgical implants in, the missing person and any physical anomalies of the missing person;

(3) The law enforcement agency, upon obtaining information pursuant to subsection (2) of this section, shall make a supplementary entry of that information into the state and federal records described in subsection (1) of this section. The supplementary report shall be in a format and according to procedures established by the authorities responsible respectively for the state and federal records. [Formerly 146.525; 2014 c.45 §25; 2017 c.356 §16]

Mission Statement
https://www.portlandoregon.gov/police/article/28214
The mission of the Portland Police Bureau is to reduce crime and the fear of crime by working with all citizens to preserve life, maintain human rights, protect property, and promote individual responsibility and community commitment.

Human Goals:
The Portland Police Bureau, which exists to protect and serve the community, must always be guided by the principle that the individual has infinite dignity and worth. In all that we do, we must show respect for the citizens we serve, and for the men and women of the Portland Police Bureau, recognizing and encouraging their individual needs, aspirations and capabilities.

Values
The organizational values of the Portland Police Bureau are:

- **Integrity**
- **Compassion**
- **Accountability**
- **Respect**
- **Excellence**
- **Service**

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Police Officer Responsibilities:

- **Enforcing local, state, and federal laws.**
- **Patrolling assigned geographic zones and responding to calls.**
- **Apprehending and transporting suspects.**
- **Interviewing victims, witnesses, and suspects.**
- **Gathering and logging evidence.**
- **Writing citations, delivering warrants, and testifying in court.**
- **Preparing and providing accurate reports documenting incidents and activities.**
- **Responding to emergency and non-emergency situations.**
- **Preventing and investigating illegal activities, domestic disturbances, accidents, etc.**

https://www.betterteam.com/police-officer-job-description