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### **Grand Jury returns not true bill decision in Portland State University officer involved shooting**

Today, Multnomah County District Attorney Rod Underhill announced that upon the conclusion of testimony in a two day hearing, a grand jury returned a not true bill regarding the use of force by two Portland State University (PSU) Campus Public Safety officers that resulted in the death of 45-year-old Jason Washington.

The grand jury's not true bill decision means they have determined no criminal prosecution is warranted, and that the use of deadly force against Mr. Washington by PSU Officer James Dewey and Officer Shawn McKenzie was a lawful act of self-defense and/or defense of a third person, pursuant to Oregon law.

This investigation began on Friday, June 29, 2018, at approximately 1:30 a.m., following the report of an officer-involved shooting involving PSU Campus Public Safety officers. A copy of the information previously released in this case from the Portland Police Bureau can be obtained by clicking [here](#) and scrolling to the middle of the webpage.

The grand jurors who reviewed this case are Multnomah County community members. Each grand juror was selected by Multnomah County's Chief Criminal Judge from the regularly scheduled empaneled grand jury. This is a process set by Oregon's Constitution.

Like in the past, the grand jury proceedings in this case were recorded. Pursuant to [Senate Bill 505](#), Officer Dewey, Officer McKenzie, or either of their attorneys have 10 days to file a motion with the Court to seek a protective order regarding the release of the grand jury proceedings or a portion of the proceedings.

In accordance to the District Attorney's Office policy and procedures set forth in SB 505, if a waiver is filed and/or no objection made within that 10 day period, a request will be made, through this Office, to the Multnomah County Circuit Court Presiding Judge to have the grand jury proceedings transcribed and then subsequently released to the public.

The Multnomah County District Attorney's Office cannot comment any further on this case.

Copies of the Portland Police Bureau's report on this case can be requested using the [City of Portland's Public Records Request portal](#). This case is documented under case number PP 18-217191.

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