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INDEPENDENT POLICE REVIEW RELEASES INVESTIGATION INTO PORTLAND POLICE'S
ARREST OF MICHAEL FESSER

The [Independent Police Review](#) (IPR) has released its investigative report on the Portland Police Bureau's involvement in the arrest of Michael Fesser in cooperation with the West Linn Police Department. The investigation examined whether seven Portland Police officers inappropriately assisted the West Linn Police Department in the arrest.

In the investigative report, IPR recommended findings of "Not Sustained" for one allegation and "Exonerated" for the other six noting that officers' actions appeared to be consistent with Portland Police practices regarding assisting other agencies. Through the course of this investigation, we identified broader issues with these practices and recommend that the Police Bureau develop a policy that requires more due diligence for evaluating requests for assistance from other law enforcement agencies to avoid becoming complicit in flawed investigations and possible misconduct by other agencies. The [investigative materials](#) are available on IPR's website.

IPR's investigation only applied to the Portland Police Bureau's officers involvement. Other agencies have also reviewed the incident including the [Clackamas County District Attorney, an outside firm contracted by West Linn](#) and [the United States Department of Justice](#).

The Independent Police Review was created in 2001 as the City of Portland's civilian oversight agency of the Portland Police Bureau. IPR is the division in the City Auditor's Office that takes and investigates community member complaints about Portland police officers and conducts policy reviews of the Bureau.

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