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What We Know About Fatal Downtown Portland Police Shooting

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Police on Sunday fatally shot a man in downtown Portland.

The Portland Police Bureau has released few details about the fatal shooting, which happened shortly after 3 a.m. near Southwest Third Avenue and Harvey Milk (Stark) Street. Social media posts are filled with "R.I.P." messages for the family of a 27-year-old man named Patrick Kimmons, known as "Pat Pat."

Police said they weren't going to identify the victim or the officers involved until Monday.

Here's what we know about the fatal shooting. This report will be updated as new information emerges Monday.

Circumstances of shooting

Police have released few details as of early Monday.

Central Precinct officers patrolling in the area heard gunshots and "engaged" someone and police fired shots, according to Officer Natasha Haunsperger, a police spokeswoman.

Police shot and killed a man, Haunsperger confirmed. The man killed by police had been involved in a shooting that left two other men wounded, according to police.

Haunsperger didn't say how many officers were involved. Police said they recovered a gun at the scene.

An officer reported to dispatch that someone was down and bleeding from the hip area at Third and Stark, and medical was called to respond.

Later, a black Chevrolet Camaro dropped off two gunshot victims at Legacy Emanuel Medical Center. One of the victims was wounded in the chest and went into surgery, according to police.

Who was victim?

Friends and relatives of a Portland man have posted repeated "R.I.P" messages on Kimmons' Facebook page. Kimmons, who had attended Jefferson High School, was a baker for Dave's Killer Bread, according to his social media page.

Teressa Raiford, local organizer of "Don't Shoot Portland," said she knew Kimmons since he was young. She said he had three children.

Kimmons had prior convictions for witness tampering in 2010, and for delivery of cocaine and possession of a firearm in 2011, and ordered to have no contact with gangs in each of those cases.

He was the victim of a shooting in April 2014 near Northeast 122nd Avenue and Sandy Boulevard that police then described as gang-related.

Kimmons wrote on his Facebook page in July, "Trying to work on myself as a man and also trying to raise my kids the proper way No one ever said being a parent was gonna be easy but i dedicate my time to my children because i want to teach them that they can be anything they want to in life Besides being a Stripper-Hoe,Selling Drugs,Gangbanging etc.. I have seen so

much in life and and gained so much knowledge in life that i want to show them a better route to take so they can be more successful in life and not really have to struggle (.) #Family"

Dispatch audio

[The Oregonian/OregonLive has obtained a recording of 911 dispatch traffic regarding the shooting.](#)

Talk about the shooting starts at the 10:58 mark on the above recording and picks up again at 12:59 mark.

Police shootings this year in Portland

The police shooting is the third involving Portland police this year and the second such fatal shooting in 2018.

It also comes three months after two campus officers for Portland State University fatally shot a man downtown on June 29 as he was trying to break up a fight near the Cheerful Tortoise bar just before closing time. A Multnomah County grand jury found no criminal wrongdoing by the campus officers involved but the shooting sparked a renewed push to disarm the university's public safety force.

A group calling on the university to end its policy of arming campus police officers has said that it would continue an around-the-clock occupation outside the school's public safety building until campus cops disarm.

The Portland Tribune

Police Kill Shooting Suspect Downtown

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Names of those involved in early Sunday incident not immediately released, officers on paid leave until investigation finished

Police say officers killed a suspect involved in a shooting where two other people were injured in downtown Portland early Sunday.

No officers were hurt.

The name of the person who was killed and the other victims were not immediately released. Neither were the names of the officers, who are on administrative leave while the incident is investigated.

According to police, the preliminary investigation indicates officers only engaged one person after that person had been involved in a shooting where two other persons were shot and injured. The suspect was declared dead in an area hospital.

The investigation into the shooting is being conducted by police detectives and the Multnomah County District Attorney's Office.

Preliminary information learned is that Central Precinct officers were patrolling the area of Southwest 3rd Avenue and Southwest Harvey Milk Street when they heard shots being fired. Officers engaged a subject and an officer-involved shooting occurred.

Police say there is not danger to the community as a result of the shooting.

According to police, a firearm has been recovered from the crime scene. The area from Southwest 2nd Avenue to Southwest 4th Avenue and from Southwest Oak Street to Southwest Washington will be closed to the public while investigators process the scene.

As per policy, the involved officers will remain on paid administrative leave until the completion of the investigation and review by a Multnomah County grand jury.

As part of the use of force review process, the bureau will conduct an internal review of the entire incident and the case will go before the Police Review Board (PRB), which is comprised of community members, Bureau members and representatives from the Independent Police Review Division.

Bureau directive outlining the procedures followed after an officer involved shooting may be found at <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/police/article/656780>

Once the entire investigation and legal process is complete, the investigative files and any grand jury transcripts will be posted on the Bureau's Open Data page and can be found at <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/police/52175>.

Anyone with information about this investigation should contact Portland Police Bureau Detective Darren Posey at 503-823-0403 or at Darren.Posey@portlandoregon.gov or Detective Rico Beniga at 503-823-0457 or at Rico.Beniga@portlandoregon.gov.

This story will be updated when more information is available.

The Portland Mercury

Portland Police Union and Neighborhood Groups Clash Over Wapato Shelter

*By Alex Zielinski
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The Portland Police Association's Wednesday meeting on homelessness was pitched as a brainstorming session.

"This is just us, getting together as a community and coming up with solutions," said Portland Police Association (PPA) President Daryl Turner, who led the evening conversation at PPA's North Portland headquarters.

The event was not widely advertised—most of the attendees had heard about it through their neighborhood Facebook page or Nextdoor app. That meant there were only one or two advocates representing the homeless community at the forum, including Right 2 Survive's Ibrahim Mubarak. The rest of the attendees were people from different neighborhood organizations, most of whom are unhappy with how the city has addressed problems surrounding homelessness.

One of the main groups represented was the Montavilla Initiative, a group unaffiliated with the Montavilla Neighborhood Association and founded on a request for stricter policing of homeless people in their community.

"We want to come to a common ground on points we can task our city and county leaders with," Turner explained to the small room of 40 attendees. "We're open to any ideas."

But from the start, it was clear there was only one idea on the table: Wapato.

Turner addressed the group while standing in front of a PowerPoint presentation that flipped between photos of homeless camps, homeless people, and pictures of Wapato Jail, a never-used county jail built in far North Portland. Turner is one of the few outspoken supporters of a vague plan to turn Wapato into a homeless shelter, joining Multnomah County Commissioner Loretta Smith and a handful of real estate developers.

Earlier this year, after studying the feasibility of turning Wapato from a jail to a homeless center, the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners voted to sell the facility to Jordan Schnitzer, one of Portland's wealthiest developers. Commissioners (aside from Smith) cited cost-analysis studies and anecdotal evidence to reach conclusions that Wapato was too inconvenient (it's located 11 miles from downtown Portland's congregation of homeless services), too expensive to convert into a shelter, and too stigmatizing for the homeless population.

Shortly after purchasing the property, Schnitzer said he was still interested in leasing the building to fellow developer Marty Kehoe, who wanted to run the building as a mass homeless shelter. But after a summer of paying \$50,000 a month just to maintain the empty building, Schnitzer appeared to change his tune: Last week, he held a press conference with Commissioner Smith at Wapato, asking the local government to help him get the project up and running.

"We need the political leadership to help work with people like me who want to do something about the unfortunate folks who are sleeping on our streets," Schnitzer said.

Schnitzer made no obvious request or proposal, but he has threatened to demolish the building if he doesn't find a solution by October 1. County spokesperson Denis Theriault said the county hasn't heard from Schnitzer since they sold him the property.

On Wednesday, Turner echoed Schnitzer's vague call to action.

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"City and county leaders have spent tens of millions of dollars of hard-earned tax money on programs and policies that don't work. It's politicians and their egos that want to be the ones to solve the problem," Turner said. "The reason we're not using Wapato is because elected officials would rather stick to their hard ideas and policies that aren't working, as opposed to listening and using all the resources we already have."

This opinion seemed to clash with the general goal of the night—to bring new ideas about homelessness to elected officials for consideration and approval. Plus, attendees asked, didn't elected officials already rejected the Wapato plan?

"How can we have any expectation that this developer is going to offer to just give up a profit so the city can do something that it shows no signs that it wants to do in the first place?" one woman asked. "How can we put all our eggs in that basket?"

Turner took jabs at Mayor Ted Wheeler and Police Chief Danielle Outlaw, criticizing how they've directed his fellow officers to use low-level arrests to sweep homeless people from downtown sidewalks and camps.

"For years as a police officer downtown, I'd rather take someone to a shelter than... jail," said Turner. "The cycle between jail and the streets... it's a road map for failure."

Several attendees pushed Turner to use his position of authority to change that cycle.

"So, ostensibly the police union would have more sway with the city than we would," said one woman. "Why don't you push back against the sweeps?"

"Well, I would lose my job," Turner replied.

"Well... get a new job. Where's your ethical line, then?" the woman asked Turner. "If I was ordered to kick people out of their homes for a living, then I would quit."

She was drowned out with taunting laughter from people who support Turner—many of whom seemed to still support arresting homeless people. One woman likened homeless people to criminals, alleging that some of "them" hold up people at knifepoint in her neighborhood.

"It's not okay to have the homeless population infringing so far on the safety of other people," she said. "Sweeping them is not obviously working, but I think that at the same time, we can't let them continue to stay out and threaten the safety of innocent people."

The woman went on to say that she's visited impoverished countries where people have lived "joyfully" in places much worse than Wapato. Several people suggested Wapato could be used as an alternative to jail for people who have committed low-level crimes

For any real change to happen, Turner said, the group would have to convince the city's police commissioner, Mayor Ted Wheeler. That might be on the horizon. According to reporting by Willamette Week, Wheeler recently spoke to Schnitzer on the phone and indicated his interest in reopening negotiations around Wapato's future.

In the meantime, Turner insisted that his hands are tied by "big ego" politicians like Wheeler.

Earlier Wednesday, a number of people attended Portland City Council to ask Wheeler why police officers aren't arresting people—specifically homeless people—in the Parkrose neighborhood.

"The laws will be enforced, and I'm directing they be enforced," Wheeler replied. "If a police officer or a firefighter ever tells you that I tied their hands, they are not telling you the truth.... If an officer ever tells you that, get their name. Get their name. I want to know."