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## Sunshine Division continues during pandemic

A few years after the last global pandemic in 1922 and later in 1923, Portland police officers began to gather to give out Christmas

community policing effort. The Sunshine Division is a separate independent charity now, but during this year,

Portland police officers have delivered more food boxes than ever before in its history. Early on in the pandemic, Sunshine re-imagined how they currently serve their clients in order to continue to do so safely

and effectively. They leased a former grocery store and were able to properly space out volunteers to load boxes

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food baskets to those in need. The Sunshine Division was soon created and now, 98 years later, Portland Police Officers continue in what is now called the first

### Holiday briefs

#### **Beware of the package pirates**

Portland Police continue to receive reports of people stealing packages from people's doorsteps, despite many residents working and staying home. Please be aware of when packages are delivered and bring them in promptly. Don't let these package thieves spoil your holiday.

#### **Driver sober this holiday season**

This holiday season will be different than most years. While parties and get-togethers will be limited or non-existent, Portland police still urge community members to drive sober. Traffic officers will be looking for impaired drivers. This year has been a very deadly year on Portland roadways. Please act responsibly and drive sober.

## COLD CASE FILE

### A profile of some of the Homicide Division's Cold Cases

Case # 94-49191

Eddie Morgan



#### *View KPTV's story on this Cold Case.*

On May 29, 1994, at approximately 4 a.m., Eddie Morgan was shot to death on the corner of NE 42nd and Alberta. A neighbor heard numerous gunshots and looked outside to see Eddie standing by the bus bench with both hands clutching the bench. The neighbor watched as one hand then the other let go of the bench and Eddie collapsed onto the sidewalk. Another neighbor rushed to help Eddie. This neighbor attempted CPR but gave up because it was apparent that Eddie was dead.

Eddie was a 46-year-old white male who was mildly mentally challenged. He had been disabled from birth. He frequently walked around the neighborhood

greeting people and often did it overnight and at odd hours. Area residents said that he was never violent and was deemed harmless by the neighbors. He had no record of drug or alcohol abuse and had no criminal history. He was affectionately known as the Mayor of 42nd Avenue.

There is no apparent motive for this murder. A dark-colored vehicle was seen leaving the area with more than one person inside shortly after the shooting.

Investigators believe that numerous persons have knowledge of this crime but have not come forward. This case is particularly compelling because it seems apparent that Eddie Morgan did nothing that would have caused someone to kill him. Given his mental capacity and how he acted around everyone, it is likely that he only greeted the person who killed him and had not had any contact with that person before.

Witnesses may contact Cold Case Homicide Unit investigators directly at (503) 823-0400. To remain anonymous, witnesses

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may provide information through Crime Stoppers of Oregon.

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Anyone wishing to submit an a secure and anonymous tip regarding any un-

solved felony crime should visit [www.crimestoppersoforegon.com](http://www.crimestoppersoforegon.com), or visit the App Store and download P3 Tips for your smart phone or tablet.

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to be delivered or for pick up. PPB personnel delivered many boxes, including newly hired officers who could not yet attend the state's Basic Academy due to COVID.

This year, the agency will deliver holiday food boxes as they have for 98 years.

More importantly, though, is the year-round assistance they are providing to Portlanders.

Since launching their expanded emergency food

delivery program in April, with the help of the Portland Police Bureau and numerous local supporters, Sunshine Division has provided more than 4 MILLION meals to over 150,000 households through their two food pantries, home deliveries, and bulk food distribution network.

For more information or if you need an emergency food box, please visit: [sunshinedivision.org/](http://sunshinedivision.org/)

