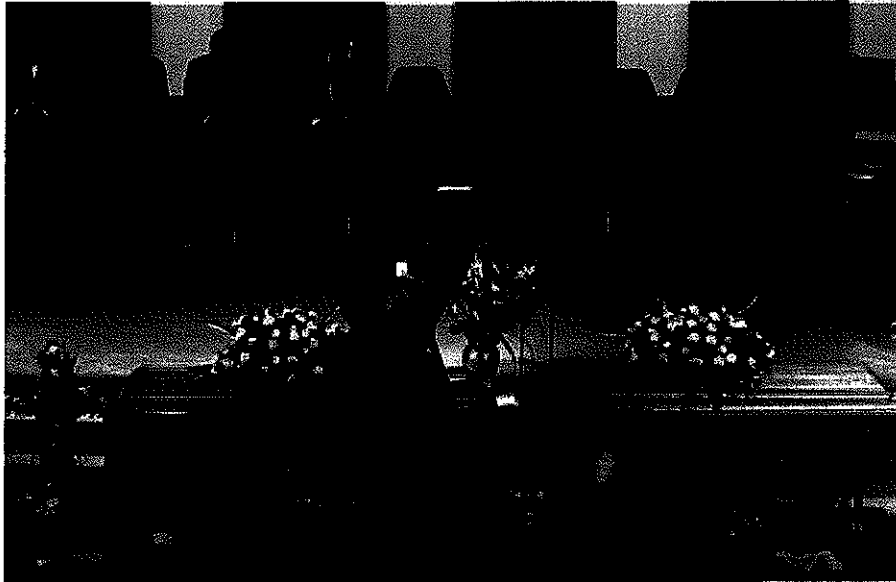




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Hundreds attend Portland funeral for brothers Timothy Douglass and Aaron Campbell, who died hours apart

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The Rev. Andre Young Sr. speaks during the funeral Saturday for brothers Timothy Douglass and Aaron Campbell. On Jan. 29, Douglass died from heart and kidney failure, and a distraught Campbell was shot and killed during a confrontation with police.

As Marva Davis sat in the front of the church -- the caskets of her two sons just a few steps away -- the hands of hundreds of people who filled **Maranatha Church** in Northeast Portland lifted into the air and in her direction.

The mourners were there to send love and prayers to Davis, who'd curled her head down and leaned into the arms of surrounding family. Davis lost one son to heart and kidney failure and another to a police shooting Jan. 29. Several times during the funeral Saturday for Timothy Douglass and Aaron Campbell, speakers acknowledged the extraordinary loss of two brothers in one day.

"How do we say goodbye to two young men who were in the beginning stages of their lives, who were together at all times?" asked Jerome Cox-Tanner of Cox & Cox Funeral Chapel. "Today is a tough day."



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Church leaders from throughout the metro area attended to support Davis, her family and the brothers' many friends. **Portland Police Commissioner Dan Saltzman** also attended, upon invitation of the family. Saltzman said he met with Davis and the family earlier in the week to emphasize his "commitment to making sure there's a full, thorough and transparent investigation."

Douglass, 23, had received a heart transplant 10 years ago. He died at 8 a.m. Jan. 29 at OHSU Hospital. Campbell, his 25-year-old brother, had stayed by his side for days and was reportedly suicidal and armed when police were called to the Sandy Terrace Apartments at 4:22 p.m. that same day.

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Mourners attending the funeral Saturday pray and support the brothers' family and friends at Maranatha Church in Northeast Portland.

His girlfriend and police communicated with him on his cell phone and through text messages. Police say he texted something about bringing his gun.

He later came out of the apartment with his hands behind his head, walking backward. Police said he ignored orders to raise his hands into the air, and Officer Ryan Lewton fired six beanbag shotgun rounds at him.

Witnesses said they saw Campbell reach one arm around to his back, where a beanbag had hit him. Officer Ronald Frashour fired an AR-15 rifle, striking Campbell in the back and killing him. Frashour said he was worried Campbell might be reaching for a gun, and he was concerned about the safety of apartment residents and officers.

Campbell had a history with police that included convictions for unlawful possession of a firearm, resisting arrest and interfering with police. He also faced domestic-violence restraining orders and child-support orders.

Saltzman has pushed for grand-jury testimony into Campbell's death to be made public. And **Multnomah County District Attorney Mike Schrunk** obtained a court order to make the transcripts or recording public after the grand jury rules to clear officers of wrongdoing or to allow pursuit of criminal charges.

At the funeral, many in the crowd applauded as Erik Allen, a cousin of the brothers, called for change.

"We've got to stand together," said Allen, of Portland. "I don't want this to be in vain. We can't let this go down like this."

Allen said that in coming weeks, he and other family members will talk with **Mayor Sam Adams** and city commissioners about an investigation into Campbell's death and changes to police policies or training that may have led to the shooting.

The Rev. Andre Young Sr. urged the hundreds in attendance to let the Lord heal their pain.

"You've got to keep going," Young said. "A drink isn't going to take this away. ... You know what would be worse than anything is another senseless death."

While speakers talked about the way Campbell died, they also talked about the beauty in both brothers' lives. Both attended Shaver Elementary School, King Elementary School and Parkrose High School. Douglass was interested in computer programming. He enjoyed traveling and had been to places as far off as Belize and Puerto Rico. He had a great smile, they said.

Campbell "began to make a great change for the better," said his obituary, which was read aloud. His childhood dream was to become a chef, he had recently started producing videos, and he was a loving and committed brother.

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Erik Allen, a cousin of deceased brothers Timothy Douglass and Aaron Campbell, tells mourners during the funeral that "we've got to stand together." Allen said he and other family members will talk with Portland Mayor Sam Adams and city commissioners about an investigation into the death of Campbell, whom a police officer shot and killed.