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Grand Jury 1 Session 1 2010
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Dear Grand Jury members,

Thank you for your letter regarding the Portland Police's shooting of Aaron Campbell and for your support for a transcript of your proceedings to be made public.

Your letter raises significant concerns which I share about the performance and training of the Portland Police Bureau in regard to Aaron Campbell's death. I want to ensure you that I am taking immediate action so that the Portland Police bureau learns and improves its service to our community as a result of this tragic death.

To this end, I have directed Chief Sizer—utilizing outside experts—to conduct a full and complete evaluation of the police bureau's tactical training with high-risk and mentally ill individuals. This review will address communication issues that you identified, and also go further to look at how our officers are trained to handle these delicate situations. The police bureau needs to make the best decisions it can to deal with a high-risk individual in mental crisis.

Further, I am directing that the bureau immediately undertake the development of a program to partner mental health workers and police officers to respond to crisis calls in tandem. This program development will be overseen by mental health experts and advisors, and I will be asking Council to support a budget request for this program. I believe the implementation of this collaborative approach to police interaction with individuals in crisis can save lives.

Thank you again for your service on the grand jury and for your thoughtful letter and suggestions.

Sincerely,

Dan Saltzman