

Albina Ministerial Alliance Press Statement

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The Albina Ministerial Alliance (AMA) stands today with other community and religious organizations and citizens of Portland to call for justice, accountability and reform in the Portland Police Bureau, as well as the criminal justice system as it relates to “excessive use of force and deadly force” by police officers.

The recent deadly shooting of Aaron Campbell, an unarmed citizen who was distraught and emotionally unstable, by Portland Police Officer, Ronald Frashour, was “preventable and unnecessary.”

Aaron Campbell was shot in the back by officer Frashour with an AR-15 rifle while demonstrating his intent to follow the commands of the officers and after the officers had set up a containment area to limit his movement.

We recognize that the job of being a police officer is a tough job and that the overwhelming majority of Portland police officers conduct themselves in a professional and honorable way and make good judgment calls. But the death of Aaron Campbell was again, “preventable and unnecessary.”

The string of deaths by police violence (Kendra James, James Perez, Mejia Poot, James Chasse and others) should send a clear-cut message that something is wrong within the Portland Police Bureau and it should be immediately fixed. Therefore, we call upon the District Attorney and the Portland City Council to support holding a public inquiry regarding the death of Aaron Campbell and to establish a special prosecutor for police excessive force and deadly force cases.

Second, we call on Chief Rosie Sizer and the City Commissioners to have a total review of the bureau’s excessive force and deadly force policies and training with diverse citizens participation.

Third, we call upon the City Commissioners to support Commissioner Leonard's proposal to strengthen the Independent Citizen Review Committee with the future goal of adding subpoena power.

Fourth, we call upon the Oregon State Legislators to revisit the former Senator Avel Gordly's bill to narrow the language on the State statute for deadly force use by police officers.

We stand together committed to bringing justice, accountability and reform to the Portland Police Bureau and the criminal justice system and to create a "*Real*" Community Policing Program.