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*Portland Police Captain Mark Kruger in nazi
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The Shit List is a list of active nazis and police officers who commit violent crimes.

This is an ongoing project. This special issue of the Shit List is meant to make the connection between toleration of nazi ideology in positions of authority, such as the police department, and racist organizing and violence in society as a whole.

Organizations already exist that document police and fascist groups, and this booklet was done largely by using the work that these people have already done. These include **Portland Copwatch** (their print publication is called "The People's Police Report") and **Rose City Antifa** (who sometimes author stories on portlandindymedia.org).

SOURCES:

Portland Independent Media Cen
the Oregonian
Portland Tribune
Willamette Week
Portland Mercury
Eugene Weekly
Portland Copwatch
Rose City Antifa
Southern Poverty Law Center

"Pickets, pistols & politics: A history of the Portland Police Association"

By Susan G Hauser (was married to a cop...pro-police bias)

Wikipedia

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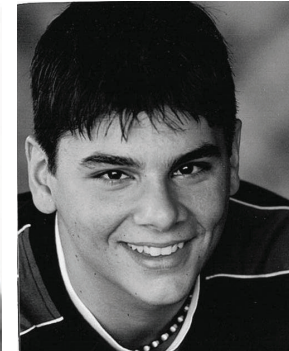
Mulugeta Seraw



Kendra James



James Jahar Perez



Fouad Kaady



Portland police captain Mark Kruger



James Chasse Jr.

<http://www.portlandcopwatch.org/listofshootings.html>

PORTLAND POLICE SHOOTINGS AND DEATHS IN CUSTODY

1992-August, 2009 ...this page includes only incidents from 2003-August 2009 due to space limitations.

Full list plus much more information available at portlandcopwatch.org.

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Name/age/gender/ethnicity/abilities (if known) Date Type of case People's Police Report issue # (if any)

2009	Osmar Lovaina-Bermudez, 36, male	8/24/09	Shooting	PPR 49*
2008	George Hawkins, 43, male	10/25/08	Shooting (by railway police; PPB officers were present)	PPR 46
	Derek J. Coady, 43, male	5/15/08	Shooting death	PPR 45
	Jason Spoor, 27, male	5/13/08	Shooting death	PPR 45
2007	Lesley Paul Scott Stewart, 26, male, African-American	8/20/07	Shooting	PPR 42
	Steven R. Bolen, 43, male, European-American	5/22/07	Shooting death	PPR 42
2006	Dupree Carter, 23, male, African American	12/28/06	Shooting (no hits)	PPR 41
	David Earl Hughes, 52, male, European-American	11/12/06	Shooting death	PPR 40
	James Philip Chasse, Jr., 42, male, European-American, mentally disabled/schizophrenia	9/17/06	Death in custody (after Taser)	PPR 40
	Scott Vincent Suran, 44, male, European-American	8/28/06	Shooting	PPR 40
	Jerry Goins, 37, male, European-American	7/19/06	Shooting ("suicide")	PPR 39
	Timothy Grant, 46, male, European-American	3/20/06	Death in custody (after Taser)	PPR 38
	Dennis Lamar Young, 28, male, European-American	1/4/06	Shooting death	PPR 38
2005	Raymond Dwayne Gwerder, 30, male, European-American	11/4/05	Shooting death	PPR 37
	Marcello Vaida, 18, male, African American	10/12/05	Shooting	PPR 37
	Vernon Allen, 48, male, African American	5/19/05	Shooting death	PPR 36
	Gilbert Thomas King, 35	3/28/05	Shooting (no hits)	PPR 35
	Ronald Richard Riebling, Jr., 40, male, European American	3/20/05	Shooting death	PPR 35
	Dwayne Richard Novak, 39, male, white	3/12/05	Shooting death	PPR 35
	John M. Vitale, 49, male	2/26/04	Shooting	PPR 35
	Lee Harrison Hardman, 36, male	2/6/05	Shooting (no hits)	PPR 35
2004	Willie Thomas Grigsby, 24, male, African American	12/2/04	Shooting death	PPR 34
	Bruce Perison Clark, 39, European-American	11/22/04	Shooting death	PPR 34
	James Jahar Perez, 28, African American	3/28/04	Shooting death	PPR 32, 33
	Jose Angel Padilla, 22, of Yakima	1/3/04	Shooting death	PPR 32
2003	Shane Eric Clements, 25	12/24/03	Shooting death	PPR 32
	Eddie Homsombath, 19, Laotian- American	10/21/03	Shooting ("suicide")	PPR 31
	Kendra James, 21, female, African- American	5/5/03	Shooting death	PPR 30
	Steffen Wesley Redincer, male, 28, "transient"	3/2/03	Shooting	PPR 29

Nazis and the Police in Portland Oregon

Portland Police Captain Mark Kruger told the Willamette Week ("The Cop Who Liked Nazis," WW February 11th, 2004), that he owns and wears Nazi-era German uniforms, built a memorial to dead World War II German soldiers on Rocky Butte, and was married near the site of Hitler's summer home, Berghof, the burned-out shell of which was demolished in 1952 by the Bavarian government out of concern that it would become a neo-nazi shrine and attract neo-nazis. Two friends from Kruger's younger days claim that he engaged in nazi activities with them, including yelling racial and homophobic slurs at people, and engaging in nazi-themed vandalism. Kruger claims that he is just a "history geek," and not currently involved in nazi activity.

Additionally, Kruger has repeatedly violently abused Portlanders, resulting in \$1 million or more of city money in damages and attorney fees. Not surprisingly, the police department has rewarded this shit-head for his violently sociopathic behavior with promotions and salary increases.



Portland Police Captain Kruger in nazi uniform



Portland Police Captain Kruger in police uniform

In audio clips from an interview with Kruger done by the Willamette Week in autumn of 2009, Kruger states that we shouldn't question his character because he does a "good job." He repeatedly stresses that he shows up for work and does his job. He emphasizes that he does his job "right," and he does what is "expected of" him. In 2002, Kruger was caught on videotape roughing up a protester, resulting in a lawsuit against the police department. Then, again, in 2003, Kruger was recorded roughing up another protester. Both protesters were women who had allegedly only walked in the street when they weren't supposed to.

When nazi leaders were put on trial after world war II at Nuremburg, a number of them claimed that they weren't guilty of war crimes because they were just doing their jobs. Almost all of them were sentenced to death or life in prison. "Just doing your job" was not a reason or an excuse then and it still isn't now.

Following the embarrassing expose in the Willamette Week ("The Ice Man Weepeth" WW October 4, 2009) about Kruger's ties to nazism, police chief Rosie Sizer sent a memo to the entire police department defending Mark Kruger. In the email, she says, "I would not have promoted Mark to Captain if I felt at any time the allegations were true." However, as previously mentioned, Kruger has admitted to much of what has been alleged, but explains that he is just interested in history.

The allegations that remain disputed are whether or not Kruger was actually yelling racial slurs at non-whites while riding around in a car listening to hitler speeches and spray-painting nazi graffiti.



Portland Police Chief Rosie Sizer supports Captain Kruger



Portland Police Captain Mark Kruger in nazi uniform

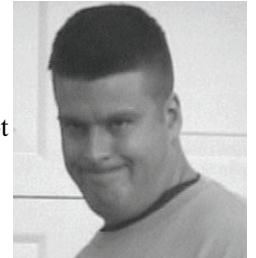


zoomed view of Kruger's nazi cap (from photo on cover)



Portland Police Captain Mark Kruger on duty

On May 5, 2003, Portland police officer Scott McCollister, a 6 foot-tall 220+ pound white male, shot Kendra James, a 5-foot-2, 115 pound, 21-year-old black female, and left her handcuffed, bleeding on the street, to die. At trial, an all-white jury found officer McCollister not guilty of using excessive and unreasonable force.



Portland police officer Scott McCollister. This is a real photo - it has not been photoshopped. Really. That's what he really looks like.

Officer McCollister was suspended without pay for six months, but after arbitration he was reinstated and back-paid.

It may come as a surprise to some that the police department tolerates blatant racism in its commanders and has murderers and sexual perpetrators in its ranks, but this kind of oppressive behavior and ideology isn't at all surprising when coming from those whose job it is to enforce the will of the dominant oppressive institutions in our society through violence and intimidation.

The stories mentioned in this writing is but a small sample of the violence that is perpetrated by nazis and cops on all of us. It is tragic that the number of victims is too large to honor them all in this short article by at least telling their stories.

We are all affected by all forms of oppression. Even those who have the privilege of not being of a targeted group experience the negative effects of living in an oppressive society, though much more subtly than those who are directly murdered, assaulted, harassed, or mistreated.

Our first amendment right, while often times violated by the very government that claims to uphold it, guarantees us the right to speak out against racism, sexism, homophobia, ableism, xenophobia, and all other forms of oppression. In no way does this obligate us to tolerate the organizing of oppression and violence in our communities or allow ourselves to be attacked.

We have an inherent right to defend ourselves from attack. This right is not guaranteed by any law-enforcement agency or government. It is our own right and our own responsibility.

Former Portland police officer Joseph Wild plead guilty in 2009 to using his police cell phone to threaten women, including his wife's 14-year-old sister, a 16-year-old girl and two female officers. Wild told some of his victims that he was in their homes and was going to rape them. PPA president sergeant Scott Westerman went to court to show his support for Wild.

Another cop, Clackamas county sheriff's deputy Alan Dean Randol, plead guilty to "custodial sexual misconduct" for sexually assaulting a female defendant in 2008.

Fouad Kaady was killed on September 8, 2005, by Clackamas County Sherriff's deputy David Willard and Sandy police officer William Bergin, despite being unarmed, naked, and seriously injured from burns. He had evidently torn his clothes off to escape the flames of a fire in his motor vehicle.

Even though they observed, by their own admission, that the man was in a "catatonic" state and incapable of following their orders, they ordered him to lie on the ground, a totally illogical demand in view of Kaady's burn injuries. When he refused to heed these commands, they immediately escalated to tasers and finally, when Kaady attempted to flee, they shot him to death, citing his proximity to an unattended weapon they had left on the hood of their squad car as the reason. Kaady was shot 7 times.

Former officer Bergin was arrested in 2007 after showing up drunk at his former girlfriend's house. In jail he then used the telephone to call and threaten her.

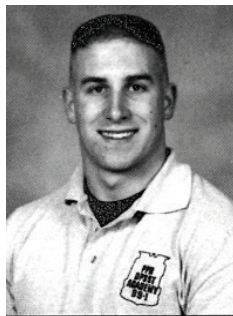
On March 28th, 2004, James Jahar Perez was shot to death during a traffic stop by Portland police officer Jason Sery, who later that year retired from the police department for a full time ministry position at the Southwest Bible Church and a teaching position at the Southwest Christian School. Perez was unarmed.



Former Portland police officer Joseph Wild



Former Sandy police officer William Bergin



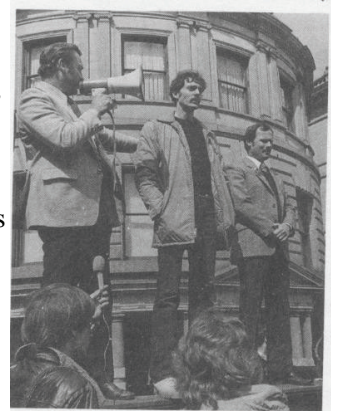
Former Portland police officer Jason Sery.

The email from Sizer to the police department says that Kruger first befriended nazi youth when he was 13 years old. This would have been in the 1980's, when neo-nazi activity was in its peak in Portland, gaining nation-wide attention with the murder of Mulugeta Seraw in 1988 by a group of young neo-nazis. After decades of the Portland police modeling violent racist behavior towards blacks and giving the tacit approval for others to do the same, the police bear some responsibility for this murder as well as do the nazis that were there and the nazis who organize nationally, advocating racist and homophobic violence.

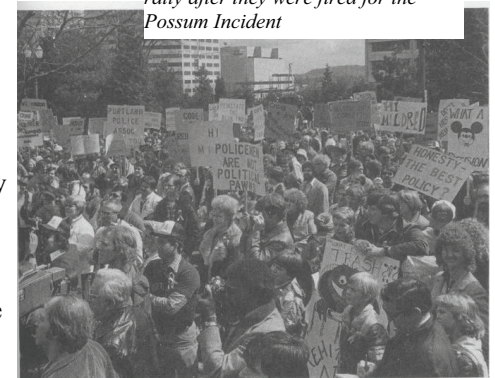
The Portland Police in the 1980's

One infamous act of racism by police officers in 1981 has become known as the "Possum Incident" in which white Portland police officers Craig Ward and Jim Gallaway left four dead possums on the doorstep of a black-owned business in a predominantly black community, leaving a clearly understood message of racist intimidation. At the time, the word "possum" was used synonymously with the "N" word, presumably because of the racist myth that possums, seen as unwanted rodents, were brought into Portland by blacks during the large migration of black workers to Portland to work at the shipyards during world war II.

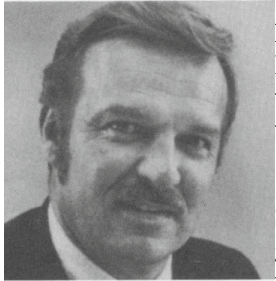
After Ward and Gallaway were fired for their blatantly racist actions, the Portland Police Association (PPA) organized a rally on city hall that drew approximately 850 people, protected by police sharpshooters, to protest the decision to fire the two cops. At the rally, the PPA announced that they had voted to express "no confidence" in the police chief and the city commissioner, and the media was there to ensure that the voice of the police was heard.



PPA president at the time Stan Peters with bullhorn, and racist cops Craig Ward and Jim Gallaway at pro-police rally after they were fired for the Possum Incident



Pro-police rally in support of racist cops Ward and Gallaway, 1981



Stan Peters, PPA president at time of Possum Incident, wore a bullet-proof vest at the rally in support of racist cops.

Ward and Gallaway were cheered by the crowd as heroes, and were given their jobs back after negotiations. In the meantime, Portland Police Association president at the time Stan Peters paid Ward and Gallaway to work on the police propaganda paper *The Rap Sheet*.

In 1985, a 31 year old black man named Lloyd Stevenson, father of five and employed as a security guard, was choked to death by Portland police for reasons never explained. The choke-hold that was used was then banned by the police chief.

Two police officers, Richard Montee and Paul Wickersham, responded by making and selling t-shirts that read, "Don't Choke 'Em, Smoke 'Em" (see "One Hundred Little Hitlers," by Elinor Langer). Officers Montee and Wickersham were fired by the mayor, but the PPA came to their defense and they were rehired.

The Portland Nazis in the 1980's

At the same time that black people in Portland were under attack by the Portland police department, nazi skinheads were actively organizing and carrying out their own violent acts. Author Elinor Langer describes the neo-nazi scene in Portland at that time in detail in her book, "One Hundred Little Hitlers." M.Treloar describes Portland in the late 1980's in the essay, "Portland Anti-Fascist History,":

"There were daytime attacks on people of color in Pioneer Courthouse Square and 'hippies' along Hawthorne Avenue by small gangs of nazi punks. Weekend beer bashes with scores of boneheads were a common event, with physical attacks and racist graffiti sprees a common aftermath. Here is the police report on what they removed from one carload of boneheads (who were out hunting for a group of us): .45 caliber pistol, .357 Magnum revolver, 12- gauge pump shotgun, .22 caliber rifle. Spare clips for all. 3 knives, one baseball bat. That car had four nazi punks."



Portland Nazis in the 1980's, including Ken Mieske (bottom row, second from left), murderer of Mulugeta Seraw.

When Humphreys was suspended by the city commissioner and police chief after the young girl was shot, the PPA organized a rally in support of Humphreys to protest his suspension. President of the Portland Police Association Sergeant Scott Westerman spoke to a crowd of approximately 650 people, mostly cops, at the pro-police rally. To put some teeth into their threat to the city bureaucracy, the PPA announced that a no-confidence vote had been taken with regards to the city commissioner and the chief of police.

Humphreys was given his job back and the results of the no-confidence vote were kept private (instead of being released to the public). Reportedly, Humphreys has been given a desk job.

The Portland Police Association can be counted on to support their violent and racist cops regardless of what they do, and always offer the same excuse: they were just doing their jobs.



President of the Portland Police Association Sergeant Scott Westerman (shithead in the suit, pictured above)

At the PPA rally in support of Officer Humphreys





Security camera footage of the shooting of 12-year old girl with padded-ammunition shotgun

In the first picture in the series, the young girl is on the left side of the frame wearing a white top. Her back is facing Portland police officer Aaron Dauchy, the dark figure in the middle of the picture. Officer Christopher Humphreys is the dark figure on the right.



In the second picture, officer Dauchy's arm can be seen going towards the girl's head.



In the third picture, the girl's head comes down and towards the officer Dauchy.

The struggle ensues.



In the bottom pictures, officer Humphreys can be seen standing over officer Dauchy and the girl that he is on top of. Humphreys is pointing his shotgun at the girl and fires at her from close range.



And then on November 13, 1988, Mulugeta Seraw, an Ethiopian university student studying in Portland, was beaten to death by a group of young neo-nazis in south east Portland.

The Portland Nazis Today

There is still active nazism in Portland, and having a nazi-idolizing police captain who gets promoted after physically abusing non-violent protesters sends a message of tacit approval of nazi ideology and unwarranted violence.

A white supremacist gang called the "European Kindred" (EK) engages in violent home-invasions and identity-theft in Portland to fund the members' use of meth amphetamines. There are conflicting reports in the newspapers as to their membership, ranging from 30-300 members in Portland, and one news article ("Inside the EK" Portland Tribune, Nov 30, 2005, updated October 30, 2009) quotes a police officer saying that the EK is one of the leading gangs in town. An EK member claims that the gang recruits new members in Portland high schools.



EK identification tattoo, often on right calf

In 2007, white supremacists associated with the neo-nazi groups Hammerskin Nation and Volksfront rented the Sherwood Elks Lodge in Sherwood (Oregon) for their twentieth anniversary celebration, using a false name in order to secure the venue. Reportedly 70-100 racists showed up, only to find that the event was canceled once its true nature was revealed by anti-racists to Elks Lodge members.



Local nazis Nicholas Scheel and Nick Cheshire, 2009. Rented a house from the Copp family. Patty Copp was one of the nazis present at the murder of Mulugeta Seraw in 1988.



Portland nazis, 2008

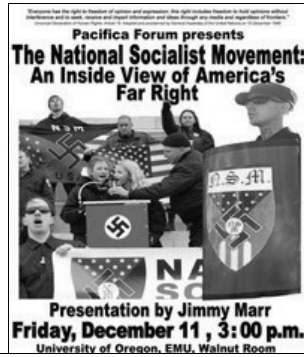
In nearby Eugene a recruitment event for the racist National Socialist Movement (NSM), a neo-nazi group, was held on December 11, 2009, at the University of Oregon, hosted by a group called the Pacifica Forum, and presented by Jimmy Marr. The meeting opened with Jimmy Marr leading the attendees in a nazi-salute and shouting “Seig heil!” Of the few attendees who responded with salutes and shouts was Valdas Anelauskas, a nazi who gave a talk here in Portland this summer (2009).



Valdas Anelauskas...racist and anti-semetic author



Jimmy Marr at Pacifica Forum, January 2010, giving nazi salute.



Advertisement for NSM meeting at the University of Oregon

David Irving, an infamous nazi writer from the UK came to the US on a speaking tour that included Portland. He spoke at the Embassy Suites-Airport Hotel and was met by about 50 people opposed to nazi-organizing. One employee at the Embassy Suites actually tried to convince the anti-fascists that there are no nazis in Portland – as he protected a nazi organizing event going on right behind his back!

The Portland Police Today

Officer Humphreys is the cop who tackled James Chasse Jr. in downtown Portland (September 17, 2006), and, with two other officers, Portland Police Officer Kyle Nice and Portland Police Officer Brett Burton, beat him so severely that he died shortly thereafter as a direct result. State medical examiner Karen Gunson found 48 separate abrasions or contusions on Chasse's body, including 16 possible blows to the head, and broken ribs in Chasse's back that came from a violent kick or knee drop.



Portland Police Officer Christopher Humphreys

Allegedly, Chasse had urinated in public, but Humphreys apparently did not actually see this happen. Chasse, who had a permanently damaged leg due to having been hit by a TriMet bus in his youth, is alleged also to have “ran” from the police.

“NICE WORK BOYS. GLAD U R OK N HE ISN'T”

wrote Police Bureau Sergeant O'Keefe, in an in-car computer message to Sheriff's Deputy Bret Burton, after the beating of James Chasse Jr.



James Chasse Jr., September 17, 2006. Downtown Portland



James Chasse Jr., September 17, 2006. In the booking area of the jail.



Portland police officer Kyle Nice.



Portland police officer Brett Burton was involved with the beating and tasing of a young black woman on her own doorstep on January 17, 2009 (Portland Mercury).

Then, in November 2009, officer Humphreys shot an unarmed 12 year-old black girl with a shotgun loaded with padded ammunition at very close range when she apparently reacted to being grabbed by the head by Portland police officer Aaron Dauchy.