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PRESS RELEASE

**Issued by Tom Steenson: Attorney for the family and estate of
James P. Chasse, Jr.**

Re: *Chasse v. Humphreys, et al.*, Case No. CV-07-189-HU and PPB's 9/23/09 "News Release"

Over two years ago, the City of Portland and other defendants in the lawsuit sought a protective order barring the parties from releasing to the public documents and information regarding the Portland Police Bureau's investigations into the death of James P. Chasse, Jr. Over the strenuous objections of the plaintiffs (the Chasse family - dad, mom and brother), and the unsuccessful intervention by the media at that time, the Court entered a protective order barring the release of those documents and that information to the public. Since then, plaintiffs have renewed their opposition to the protective order and have sought to make those investigations public, while the City and Chief Sizer have continued to argue that a protective order should remain in place. Despite the Chasse family's arguments to the contrary, the Court has ordered the parties in the lawsuit, including the City and Chief Sizer, to continue to comply with the protective order.

As a result of this protective order, the Chasse family and their attorneys have been unable to release documents and other information which they have learned in the course of the lawsuit about the Police Bureau's investigations into James' death. Unfortunately, that remains true today, preventing the Chasse family and their attorneys from commenting on the subject matter of the Police Bureau's News Release today and from releasing documents and information about those investigations which it appears the City has not released to the public.

The Chasse family and their attorneys are very sorry that they cannot comment on these events at this time. However, they are taking immediate steps to ask the Court to set aside the protective order which the City and Chief Sizer have violated today by their release of documents and information which are subject to the order. If the Court grants our renewed motion, we will then be in a position to release documents and information about the Police Bureau's investigations into James' death which the City does not appear to be releasing and to comment, like the City and Chief Sizer have done today, on those investigations and related matters.