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NEWS RELEASE

UPDATED INFORMATION ON HOYT ARBORETUM OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING

On Monday, March 22, 2010, at 3:05 p.m, a 911 call was received about an intoxicated transient man who was harassing and threatening people at Hoyt Arboretum. Portland Police Officer Jason Walters self-dispatched himself to the Hoyt Arboretum in order to respond to the call. Officer Walters has worked the area around Washington Park for five years and is very familiar with the area. Officer Walters requested that a Hooper Detox Unit come to the scene, anticipating that the threatening subject might be intoxicated. Officer Walters arrived at the scene at 3:24 p.m., made contact with the person who had called 911, and was told the male subject was in the bathroom that is located in the park center at Hoyt Arboretum.

Officer Walters approached the bathroom door and knocked on it. A male subject, later identified as Jack Collins, opened the door and Officer Walters immediately saw that Collins had blood on his face, neck and hands. Officer Walters asked Collins if he needed help but Collins did not respond. Officer Walters saw that Collins had a knife in his hand and immediately began to back up in order to provide distance between himself and Collins. He also started giving commands to Collins to drop the weapon and called for immediate cover officers. Collins exited the bathroom and began walking towards the officer. Officer Walters continued retreating and shouting commands to Collins to drop the weapon. Collins continued advancing on Officer Walters and told the officer that he was not going to drop the weapon. Officer Walters was unable to continue retreating due to physical barriers but continued to give commands to Collins to drop the knife. Collins continued advancing and Officer Walters fired two gunshots. Officer Walters saw Collins remain standing and slowly spin around with the knife still in his hand. Officer Walters gave more commands to drop the knife but Collins again advanced towards him. Officer Walters then fired two more shots. Collins dropped to the ground and Officer Walters called for immediate medical assistance.

Officer Walters was interviewed by Portland Police Detectives yesterday at 4:00 p.m. Detectives have interviewed 18 witnesses during their investigation and during their interviews learned that just prior to Officer Walters's arrival, Collins had approached a woman and her son and had

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threatened to kill both of them. After the threats, the woman contacted a staff member at Hoyt Arboretum and reported the threats and this is what prompted the original 911 call.

A Multnomah County Grand Jury has been scheduled for next week concerning this shooting.

This is an ongoing investigation and anyone with information concerning this incident is asked to call Detective Mark Slater at 503-823-9319.

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