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City Auditor Releases Independent Review of Testimony in the Officer Frashour Arbitration

Today Portland Auditor LaVonne Griffin-Valade released an independent review of allegations of police officer truthfulness related to the arbitration of Officer Ronald Frashour, terminated from the Portland Police Bureau in September 2010. Frashour's termination followed the internal investigation and policy review of the January 2010 officer-involved shooting death of Aaron Campbell.

The review compared police testimony from initial interviews through the arbitration and included examination of related documents not part of the arbitration record. "We looked for any indication of material discrepancies, material omissions, or possible untruthfulness," Griffin-Valade said. Much of the review also focused on development of the Training Analysis of the Campbell incident.

The independent review found that no officer witnesses appeared to have violated the Police Bureau's directives on truthfulness and recommended no futher investigation of Bureau members in this matter. The review also found the lack of procedures for guiding the purpose and development of Training Analysis was problematic in this case.

The scope and findings are presented in the Auditor's report, along with two policy recommendations having to do with codifying a standard operating procedure for Training Analysis reports and extending communication restrictions for Bureau members involved in critical incidents until after Internal Affairs investigations are completed.

Contact: City of Portland Auditor LaVonne Griffin-Valade at (503) 823-4078. The full report can be found online here: http://www.portlandonline.com/auditor/index.cfm?c=44653&a=413285.