



STATEMENT FROM OJRC IN RESPONSE TO *PORTLAND TRIBUNE* ARTICLE,
“SHERIFF’S REVIEW SHOWS RACIAL DIFFERENCES IN USE OF FORCE AT JAIL.”

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The findings of the Multnomah County Sheriff’s Office’s use of force audit as reported in the *Portland Tribune* are alarming. The disproportionate use of force against minority inmates along with the recent Racial and Ethnic Disparities (RED) Report clearly demonstrates that Multnomah County’s criminal justice system is profoundly discriminatory. In this county, you will be punished more often and more severely if you are Black. This problem seriously undermines the credibility and legitimacy of the county’s justice system. To begin to work towards a solution, Multnomah County must make publically available the use of force audit and the underlying data that was used to put together the RED Report.

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