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Yes No

Comments: NO RESPONSIBLE

PUBLIC OFFICIAL COULD

DO ANYTHING LESS

THAN TERMINATION.

THE P.P.A. ACTION WAS

A TERRIBLE P.R. MOVE

Name and address (optional): _____

RONALD L. JENSEN
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Comments: COMM. JORDAN SHOULD BE COMMENDED FOR HIS CORRECT IMPARTIAL DECISION. MAYOR IVANKIE SHOULD BE ASHAMED FOR HIS "WISHY-WASHY" WAYS" & FOR ALLOWING THE DECISION TO GET OUT OF HAND BY BEING QUESTIONED. THE OFFICERS DESERVED TO BE FIRED SINCE THEY PROVED TO BE IMMATURE YOUNG MEN INSTEAD OF OFFICERS OF THE LAW TRAINED AT TAX PAYER'S EXPENSE TO PROTECT PEOPLE & THEIR PROPERTY!!!
Name and address (optional): WE ARE A MIDDLE AGED, MARRIED WHITE COUPLE, BOTH WORKING AND ARE HOME-OWNERS IN PORTLAND, OREGON

THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING US TO GIVE OUR OPINION.

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Comments: Because police have extraordinary power

they must have equal judgmental abilities.

We cannot afford insensitivity, "games", or arrogance

by the police or they
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forfeit respect for them-

selves and the law

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Comments: If the blacks can

demonstrate with a pig's head on a

stick which is an insult not

only to the police, but to our society

and not be reprimanded

then why can not the officers

Name and address (optional): _____

demonstrate with out being

criticized

KEEP PRINTING POLLS! a great idea for

journal poll

everyone, also for those who are too timid to write a letter

IF THE BLACKS WHO HAVE CAUSED ALL THIS UPROAR KEEP POUNDING AWAY, WE'LL HAVE A SITUATION LIKE LONDON'S. MAYBE THAT'S WHAT THEY ARE AIMING FOR, BUT NOT ME!

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Comments: The leader

of the Black United

Front would be a Mal-

content if he had been

born WHITE, and he is

helping to stir up

discontent among us

blacks. If Jordan

had fired Chief Baker

I would have marched

in protest. Business

was lousy at the Rest-

aurant, and this was

an excuse to draw

attention and perhaps

more business.

My Grandmother said that during the depression the white CC boys brought possums out here to eat.

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Comments: IF THIS would

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white business we

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about it. The officers

told the truth and

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have learned their

lesson - Discipline Yes

firm - NO.

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Comments: Officers should

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fire Comm. Jordan

for making this a

racial issue when

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to be one.

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 Yes No *but not fired*
and officers are hard to find
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 Yes No

Comments: *It is my FEELING that Jordan acted like a racist himself. It all seems political. I think*

Name and address (optional):
Jordan should be fired himself

Tillamook, Ore 97141

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Comments: *I am sick and tired of a few loud mouth blacks screaming race discrimination about everything!*

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Comments: Had The

officers been black

they would have

been told not to

do it again but

still had their jobs

Name and address (optional): if

a white looks at a

black cross-eyed it's

racial. I'm sick of

them.

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Comments: Any police officer who willingly "plays a joke" on any member of society, regardless of race, etc., should be terminated. The public pays these people's salary and should expect to be treated with respect. If officers cannot play by these rules, they should look for work elsewhere.

Name and address (optional): I absolutely feel Commissioner Jordan acted in a totally responsible manner in protecting the public.

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To do what they did... giving that segment of my race (black), who are just waiting for an excuse to be 'on stage', to yell, march, 'protest', (look-at-me-I'm-on-TV!)...is nothing short of stupid. For those of us who want to be average, productive, (non-color) citizens, it is a put-back and an embarrassment.

As for those who back them...water seeks it's own level.

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Comments: JORDAN & BAKER

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STRINGS FROM THE BUIF

IT'S TOO BAD THE POLICE

DEPT. DIDN'T CAST VOTES

OF "NO CONFIDENCE" TOWARD

THE BLACK UNITED FRONT.

Name and address (optional): _____

Paul E. Jensen

463 West A. St.

BURNS, OR. 97720

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Comments: *It wasnt just*

right thing to do

The blacks are

always finding fault.

whites they would

starve without whites

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W. Gardner

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Comments: *Failure of Mayor Ivancie to show any quality of civic leadership in this episode adds another facet to a most damaging affair, It will be a long time before trust is regained by police.*

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Comments: *The officers demonstrated their disrespect and antipathy toward a segment of the community. Such behavior by guardians of the community cannot be tolerated.*

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*John T. Booth
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Portland, OR 97214*

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BUT THEY DO HAVE A RIGHT TO THEIR OPINION

Comments: *Whether the incident was just a prank, or actually racial harassment is not the point! This behavior indicates such incredibly poor judgment, the officers do not measure up to caliber required for responsible law enforcement !!*

Kay Gloria Orem

Portland

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WHO WANTS TO CALL FOR POLICE ASSISTANCE AND HAVE TO WAIT FOR AN OFFICER TO GET OFF "POSSUM PATROL"?!?

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Comments: The incident was clearly racial harassment & should not be tolerated, The support by others indicate a deep, pervasive KKK attitude that must be opposed by all enlightened people.

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Laura Chaiwoe
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Portland, Or. 97210

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Comments: This action by the officers was so obviously racist and stupid especially in an already tense neighborhood, that one wonders at the ability of the officers. Their admission of guilt was of no importance since surely they were already known.

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Comments: I am glad Jordan and Baker had the integrity to dismiss the two officers. Whether it was racially motivated or not, it was still harassment and not to be condoned.

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Mark Thygesen
Lewis & Clark College
Portland, OR
97219

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Comments:

FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE, THEY HAD BEEN HARASSING THAT RESTAURANT OWNER BEFORE. I CAN'T BELIEVE THEY DIDN'T KNOW WHAT A SLUR TO A BLACK MAN! RIDICULOUS & DEMEANING TO OUR CITY, THE POLICE DEPT. & THE BLACK COMMUNITY!

No, I'm NOT A BLACK.

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Yes No

Comments: The firings

were very unfair.

We'll soon have

the blacks

controlling most

things as we

are afraid of

retrebution!

Name and address (optional): _____

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Comments: They say it was
not racism, however, I
think it was. I do not
feel any person who does
such a think has any bus-
ness being on a police
force in any city. Police-
persons should uphold law
and be trustworthy. These
two individuals are not.

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Marjory DeVault
1226 S. E. Gideon St.
Portland, Oregon 97202

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Comments: Shocking
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officers. Ivancie's
silence indicates
lack of courage. He
has lost our respect.

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Comments: I BELIEVE
THE POLICEMEN'S
ACTION WAS RACIST,
AND THEY SHOULD NOT
GET AWAY WITH IT.
(I AM WHITE)

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Comments: Mr. Jordan is
the one who has shown
racial prejudices and
should not have the job
if he can not control
his emotions.

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Comments: The demonstra-
tion by the off duty officer
was a very explicit display
of racism, that's not only
current in Portland, Oregon
but all over USA.

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A. Muhammad Abdullah
2338 NE Killingsworth
Portland, Ore
97212

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Comments: *Very insulting*

especially to blacks

Definitely racial

Name and address (optional):

Lea J. Ramsay

14212 SE Fair Oaks

Bellevue Ore

97223

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Comments: *Cops are using union to blackmail the superiors and the public.*

If the incident were not racially motivated why did they land on a black restaurateur's property?

If these are "Portland's finest", lets try for some second best.

Name and address (optional):
I'm not stupid. I am scared! These things are not supposed to happen in America.

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Comments: If the officers

who were fired were

black. No protest?

Comm Jordan would

have been fully

supported for the

firings.

Name and address (optional): (Mrs) Verna Shepherd

8718 NE Beech

City 97220

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Comments: If the

race color had

been in the reverse

the police in

they would have been

fired immediately

Name and address (optional):

Wood Burns

2076 S. Rosemont

West Linn, Ore 97068

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Comments: I am a 36 yr old white attorney who cannot understand how this city could allow such racist acts to happen without some severe reprimand and there should be a CITIZENS REVIEW BOARD created NOW. The police union has too much power.

Name and address (optional):

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Comments: Police are para-military ... the march was a breach of discipline. Concerning the fired officers: their act revealed immaturity and an inherent bias - along with neglect of essential duty.

Name and address (optional):
Sorry about that ... but if the officers showed such bias and vindictiveness they will not have my name ... they might