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Grand jury indicts 2018 homicide suspect

PORTLAND, Ore. – Today, Multnomah County District Attorney Mike Schmidt announced that a grand jury indicted 46-year-old Alphonzo Johnson for the alleged murder of 44-year-old Kenneth Lamont Coleman.

Johnson is charged with one count of murder in the second degree with a firearm and one count of being a felon in possession of a firearm.

This investigation started on June 29, 2018 when Portland Police responded to the 12200 block of Northeast Halsey Street to conduct a welfare check on someone unconscious and not breathing. Officers arrived and located Mr. Coleman deceased in a wooded area.

The indictment alleges Johnson unlawfully and intentionally caused the death of Mr. Coleman using a firearm and that at the time of the homicide Johnson, a felon, was unlawfully in possession of the firearm.

Mr. Coleman was a son, brother and an uncle. His family wants to stress that Mr. Coleman was not homeless at the time of his death.

Mr. Coleman's family is requesting privacy and does not want media contact. However, they wish to thank everyone involved in the case for their hard work and diligence in finding Mr. Coleman's accused killer.

The Multnomah County District Attorney's Office recognizes the Portland Police Bureau's Homicide Detail for their continued efforts investigating this case during the past two and a half years.

No additional information can be released by the Multnomah County District Attorney's Office at this time.

A charging document is only an accusation of a crime. Johnson is innocent unless and until proven guilty.

Anyone with information on this case is asked to call Portland Detective Anthony Merrill
Anthony.Merrill@portlandoregon.gov 503-823-4033.

Community members can also use the District Attorney's Case Tip Line at 503-988-0340.



Family photo of Kenneth Coleman

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