

February 11, 2019

Salem Police Chief Jerry Moore  
Police Department  
555 Liberty St SE RM 130  
Salem OR 97301

Dear Chief Moore:

We were delighted by the police handling of the situation at 1050 Summer Street, NE, Salem on January 22. Your officers should be held as exemplars throughout the United States.

For years, the use of excessive force by police officers has weakened public respect for law enforcement. Indeed, in jurisdictions other than Salem, police officers may have simply killed burglary suspect Kenneth Ketchem on the spot, summary execution style.

But your officers were aware that: “No person . . . shall be ... deprived of life, liberty or property ...” (Bill of Rights, 5th Amendment) and that “the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial ...” (Bill of Rights, 6<sup>th</sup> Amendment. ) Those principles are also embodied in Section 11, Oregon Bill of Rights.

You and your officers have exhibited respect for our laws and governing principles. We applaud each and every one of you.

Sincerely,

Carol & Mark DeCoursey  
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