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Today and tomorrow, five individuals are scheduled to answer in Multnomah County court for various criminal charges in connection with a drug transaction that led to the death of Kraig Crow on August 21, 2006. Two of these defendants are current Lincoln High School students. A third Lincoln student will plead guilty in connection with unrelated drug activity connected to school.

A seventh person, Ryan John Snider, has been charged in both state and federal court. Additional charges are anticipated.

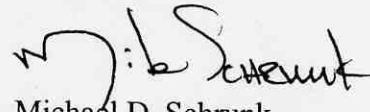
These criminal cases are the result of a long-term investigation by this office, the Portland Police Bureau and the United States Attorney's Office. I want to compliment Chief Rosie Sizer and United States Attorney Karin Immergut for the resources they have provided to this inquiry. Significant assistance to the overall investigation has also been provided by the Office of Washington County District Attorney Robert Hermann.

I write to you because of the concerns this investigation has raised regarding drug activity at an educational institution. There is, of course, no question that Lincoln High School is in many respects a fine school and most students there are not involved in such activity. Nevertheless, the investigation into Kraig Crow's death did raise disturbing questions about the level of drug activity and the adequacy of measures against such activity. Although the criminal justice system has successfully responded to this particular event, it is simply not capable of addressing the larger issues involved. This should not be construed as criticism of any members of the faculty or administration.

I have enclosed copies of police reports related to the investigation. I am certainly not qualified to suggest what specific actions should be taken. It would seem, however, that administrators, members of the faculty and parents would want to review the situation in some organized fashion.

I would be glad to answer any questions you may have and to provide any assistance you may feel is called for.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Michael D. Schrunk". The signature is stylized with a large, looping initial "M" and a cursive "Schrunk".

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Enclosure

cc: Chief Rosie Sizer, Portland Police Bureau
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