

AAPI & ALLIES PUBLIC SAFETY FORUM

OCTOBER 2025



PRESENTED BY THE ASIAN AMERICAN COUNCIL OF OREGON
SPONSORED BY THE ASIAN AMERICAN FOUNDATION AND KLCC



The Asian American Foundation



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OUR GOALS FOR THE FORUM

INCREASING AWARENESS AND SETTING THE STAGE FOR ACCOUNTABILITY AND ADVOCACY

On October 23, 2025, we hosted an AAPI & Allies Public Safety Forum at 6:30 p.m. at the Korean Presbyterian Church of Eugene, 1600 Taney Street, Eugene OR 97402. This was the second safety forum presented by the Asian American Council of Oregon (AACO). Our first forum occurred in January 2025 in Eugene, Oregon. At the forum, we convened panelists who could speak to the burglaries, and after brief statements from each of the panelists, the moderators asked questions of the panelists, followed by questions from the audience.

Our goals were two-fold: (1) to raise awareness throughout the community—especially among our Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) members—about the ongoing burglaries targeting their homes; and (2) to build understanding and support among community leaders, including elected officials, so that we can effectively advocate for long-term support for victims and work to prevent further incidents.

BACKGROUND



Burglaries targeting Asian Americans

Since late 2023, there have been at least 22 burglaries in the Eugene–Springfield area and another recent burglary just outside of Eugene – all of them targeting the homes of Asian American business owners and their families. Law enforcement believes that these crimes are underreported, and AACO’s own contacts within the community confirm that there have been a number of additional burglaries of Asian Americans that have not been reported to the police.

Conducting forums to learn more

Although these crimes have been targeting Asian Americans on a national basis, AACO did not learn of this pattern of burglaries until late 2024. In response to that, AACO organized a public safety forum in January 2025. Since that forum, we have learned that the crimes are part of an international crime ring. They are highly sophisticated and well financed, conducting extensive research and surveillance on their victims. The burglaries appear to be committed in “waves” and Eugene–Springfield is currently experiencing a third wave of these burglaries. In response, AACO decided to organize a second public safety forum.



"HOW CAN WE HELP OURSELVES BE MORE SECURE AND UNAFRAID WITH THINGS LIKE THIS?"



Eugene Mayor (in red jacket) listens attentively to community member questions.

ADVERTISING

Social Media and Other Outlets

In addition to media covering the event just before the forum, AACO advertised this event on its home page, as well as through press releases and social media. We also created numerous posters and flyers in different languages and distributed them via email, social media, online networks and physical delivery to numerous AAPI businesses, churches and community organizations in Eugene and Springfield. The moderators, Jensina Hawkins and Jenny Jonak, also made appearances with multiple news organizations, including KVAL, KEPW, Lookout, etc.

**AAPI PUBLIC SAFETY FORUM**

OCTOBER 23, 2025
6:30-8:00 p.m.

Korean Presbyterian Church of Eugene
윤진 한인 장로교회
1600 Taney Street, Eugene OR 97402

아시아태평양계 대상 범죄 예방 포럼
후원: Asian American Council of Oregon
아시아계 지역사회(AAPI) 커뮤니티를 대상으로 한 범죄에 관한 정보와 예방 방법 제공
6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
2025년 10월 23일 목요일
윤진 한인 장로 교회
1600 Taney Street, Eugene OR 97402

AAPI Public Safety Forum
Sponsored by the Asian American Council of Oregon
Public safety updates and discussion regarding crimes targeting the AAPI community
6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
October 23, 2025
Korean Presbyterian Church of Eugene
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FORUM SA PAG-IWAS SA KRIMEN NA TINITYANG SA MGA ASYANO
Sponsor: Asian American Council of Oregon
Pag-uulat sa sitwasyon at tataguyan tungkol sa mga krimen at poot laban sa komunidad ng AAPI
6:30 - 8:00 n.g.
Huwebes, Oktubre 23, 2025
Korean Presbyterian Church
1600 Taney Street, Eugene OR 97402

面向亞裔及太平洋島民的犯罪預政
贊助: 亞裔及太平洋島民協會
報告和討論針對亞裔美國人(AAPI)社區的犯罪及相關威脅的現狀
6:30-8:00 p.m.
2025年10月23日 星期四
聯宗韓人教會
1600 Taney Street, Eugene OR 97402

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Tài trợ: Asian American Council of Oregon
Báo cáo tình hình và thảo luận về các tội phạm và hành vi thù địch liên quan đến cộng đồng AAPI
6:30 - 8:00 chiều
Thứ Tư, ngày 23 tháng 10, 2025
Hội Thánh Tin Lành Hàn Quốc
1600 Taney Street, Eugene OR 97402

アジア・太平洋諸島系対準犯罪予防フォーラム
後援: Asian American Council of Oregon
アジア系アメリカ人(AAPI)コミュニティを対象とした犯罪および関連脅威の現状報告と討論
6:30-8:00 p.m.
2025年10月23日 木曜日
ユジン・ハンイン教会
1600 Taney Street, Eugene OR 97402

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**Asian American Council of Oregon**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

STOP CRIMES Targeting Asians
Attend the AAPI & Allies Public Safety Forum
Learn about recent burglary investigation, prevention tips and support your Asian American Pacific Islander community!
6:30pm Oct. 23, 2025
Korean Presbyterian Church of Eugene
1600 Taney Street, Eugene
More info & links to news reports: www.asiancouncil.org
Event Partners: TAAF, KLCC, KCC, KPC, KSC, KTC, KUC, KVC, KWC, KXC, KYC, KZC, KAA, KBA, KCA, KDA, KEA, KFA, KGA, KHA, KIA, KJA, KKA, KLA, KMA, KNA, KOA, KPA, KQA, KRA, KSA, KTA, KUA, KVA, KWA, KXA, KYA, KZA, KAA, KBA, KCA, KDA, KEA, KFA, KGA, KHA, KIA, KJA, KKA, KLA, KMA, KNA, KOA, KPA, KQA, KRA, KSA, KTA, KUA, KVA, KWA, KXA, KYA, KZA

PUBLIC SAFETY FORUM TO ADDRESS TARGETED BURGLARIES IN EUGENE
YET ANOTHER ASIAN AMERICAN HOME IN EUGENE



MEDIA ADVISORY- FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Jensina Hawkins, Asian American Council of Oregon Board of Directors, (541) 619-7806, jensinahawk@gmail.com, or Jenny Jonak, Asian American Council of Oregon Board of Directors, (541) 690-5773, jenny@jonak.com

Community Forum to Address Resurgence of Burglaries Targeting Asian-Owned Businesses and Households

What: A community public safety forum will address the recent resurgence of burglaries targeting Asian-owned businesses and households in Eugene and Springfield. The event will feature a panel of local law enforcement and government officials discussing investigative updates, prevention strategies, and safety tips. Elected officials from Eugene, Springfield, Lane County, and the State of Oregon will be in attendance. A community question-and-answer session will follow.

Who: Panel of speakers:

- Chris Skinner, Eugene Police Chief
- Jami Resch, Springfield Police Chief
- Chris Parosa, Lane County District Attorney
- Gavin Bruce, Oregon Department of Justice Bias Crime Prosecutor

When: Wednesday, October 23, 2025
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Free and open to the public

Where: Korean Presbyterian Church, 1600 Taney St, Eugene, Oregon

Why: Since late 2023, at least 21 such burglaries have been reported. "These recent crimes were not random. They deliberately targeted Asian households and involved extensive surveillance of the victims. Some lost a lifetime of savings and a sense of safety in their own homes. For many in the Asian American and Pacific Islander community, it has raised uncertainty about whom to trust or where they can be safe," said Jenny Jonak, Board member of the Asian American Council and forum organizer.

AAPI & Allies
Public Safety Forum
Learn about recent burglaries targeting Asians



PARTICIPATION



Congresswoman Val Hoyle listens

Excellent Community Participation

We had an estimated 150–200 people in attendance, with the venue at capacity and people standing in the halls when we ran out of seating. This was three or four times the size of our first safety forum. In addition to a wide diversity of community attendees, we had numerous local elected officials and community non-profit and advocacy leaders, as well as representatives from the Oregon Department of Justice’s Civil Rights Unit and several media outlets, including the New York Times. Representatives from U.S. Senator Wyden’s office and Oregon House Majority Speaker Julie Fahey’s office also attended the forum. We heard from several legislators who could not attend but either spoke with us in advance to find out more about the issues or asked for a follow up report following the forum to learn more.

Elected Officials in attendance:

Congresswoman Val Hoyle
Eugene Mayor Kaarin Knudson
Springfield Mayor Sean Van Gordon
Representative Lisa Fragala
Senator James Manning
Senator Floyd Prozanski
Lane County Commissioner Heather Buch
Lane County Commissioner Laurie Trieger
Lane County Commissioner David Loveall
Lane County Commissioner Pat Farr
Lane County Commissioner Ryan Ceniga
Springfield City Councilor Kori Rodley
Eugene City Councilor Matt Keating
Eugene City Councilor Randy Groves
Eugene City Councilor Jennifer Yeh
Eugene City Councilor Greg Evans
Eugene City Councilor Mike Clark
Eugene 4J Board Chair Tom DiLiberto
Eugene 4J Board Member Rick Hamilton
Eugene 4J Board Member Maya Rabasa
Eugene 4J Board Member Judy Newman



Senator James Manning speaking with attendees



The venue was filled to standing capacity in the back



Eugene City Councilors Randy Groves and Mike Clark with Senator James Manning



Eugene City Councilors Matt Keating and Jennifer Yeh



Moderators with Eugene Mayor Kaarin Knudson



Lane County Sheriff Carl Wilkerson with District Attorney Chris Parosa and Eugene Mayor Knudson



Chief of Eugene Police Chris Skinner with Eugene City Councilor Randy Groves and Lane County Commissioner Heather Buch



PANELISTS



Chris Parosa, Lane County District Attorney

A prosecutor for over 19 years, Chris has extensive experience in the courtroom. Chris has prosecuted thousands of criminal cases, including misdemeanors, drug offenses, domestic violence, elder abuse, child abuse, sexual assault and homicides, including aggravated murder. He has trained hundreds of police officers, parole and probation officers, victim advocates, community partners, prosecutors and law students. Chris also acts as the coordinator of the Lane County Senate Bill 819 discretionary sentencing review process.

Chris Skinner, Eugene Police Chief

Chief Chris Skinner became Eugene's police chief on April 30, 2018. He began his public safety career in Oregon with the Monmouth Police Department where he served as a reserve officer from 1989 to 1991. He worked for Benton County Sheriff's Office from 1993 to 2001, and during his tenure with the Hillsboro Police Department from 2001 to 2011, he moved up the ranks from police lieutenant to commander and then deputy chief. Chief Skinner served as Richland, Washington's Chief of Police from 2011.

Carl Wilkerson, Lane County Sheriff

Sheriff Carl Wilkerson was unanimously appointed as Sheriff by the Board of Lane County Commissioners in 2025. Wilkerson served as Chief Deputy of the Sheriff's Office since 2019. He began his career with the Lane County Sheriff's Office more than 30 years before being hired as a deputy in 1996. He worked in a number of positions before being promoted to sergeant in 2013. Wilkerson is a graduate of the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy and earned his bachelor's degree in interdisciplinary studies from Bushnell University.

Jami Resch, Springfield Police Chief

With 26 years of law enforcement experience, including serving as Portland's Chief of Police, Chief Resch brings a wealth of expertise in leadership, community engagement, and department operations. Since joining Springfield Police Department in 2023, she has made significant strides in strengthening community relationships, mentoring officers and enhancing department operations.

Gavin Bruce, Oregon Department of Justice Bias Crime Prosecutor

Gavin W. Bruce started his career at the Portland law firm of Lindsay Hart, LLP. In 2016, he accepted a position as an Assistant U.S. Attorney with the Eugene Branch of the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Oregon. Gavin serves as one of the office's civil rights coordinators, investigating and prosecuting hate crimes across the State of Oregon.

MODERATORS



Jenny Jonak, Moderator

Jenny Jonak is a Korean American attorney with almost three decades of experience practicing in both federal and state courts. She is the founder and President of Jonak Law Group, P.C. She serves on the Board of Directors for the Asian American Council of Oregon, Council of Korean Americans, Steering Committee for the Lane County Campaign for Equal Justice, as well as a number of other community non-profits. She also serves on the school board for one of the largest school districts in Oregon.

Jensina Hawkins, Moderator

Jensina Hawkins is a Korean American professional in the medical software field. She is the founder and CEO of Mocodile Medical. Jensina serves as Law Enforcement Liason and a Board member for the Asian American Council of Oregon. She previously served as Chair of the Eugene Police Commission, and currently serves as Co-Chair of the Eugene Neighborhood Leaders Council, among other non-profit community work.

AACO Board Members

We are fortunate to have the talented help and participation of other board members of AACO, including President David Tam, Vice President Liana Leung, Treasurer Helen Liu, Secretary Eugenia Su, Honorary Korean Consul Susan Cox, Director Lora Lee, Director Carrie Matsushita and Director Bob Cerince.

KEY HIGHLIGHTS



The Problem

Since late 2023, a highly organized and well-financed crime ring has been targeting Asian American homes for burglaries. They use Wi-Fi jammers to disable surveillance systems and security cameras. This is occurring not just in Eugene/Springfield, but statewide and nationally. The crime ring may see these burglaries as a "business model." They have used rental AirBnBs and go in and out of communities along the I-5 corridor. The criminals go in and out of the area and into different jurisdictions. AAPI burglaries are underreported, so the real number may be significantly higher. We also do not have data on burglaries in Lane County because the Sheriff's Office has not had the resources for several years to respond to most property theft crimes.



System Challenges

AAPI crime victims tend to underreport, which reinforces the perception that they are good targets. The burglaries can't be charged as hate/bias crimes because our hate/bias statutes weren't designed to deal with burglary; the intentionality makes them difficult from an evidentiary perspective; and the most relevant bias crime is only a misdemeanor, not a felony, so it does not add meaningful sentencing time with the charge. Because the burglaries are considered "non-violent" crimes, suspects are released on bail by paying only \$10,000 in cash. The average burglary case involves \$100,000 or more in stolen goods, so when you are dealing with a well-financed crime ring, this means that the suspects are easily released and flee the state, only to be involved in more burglaries somewhere else.



Possible Solutions

Information sharing among different jurisdictions, both in Lane County and statewide, is critical for our law enforcement agencies and district attorneys. We need to consider additional resources to improve reporting. This could include additional language resources immediately available to victims, cultural training for all law enforcement and first responders, and closer collaboration with trusted AAPI community organizations and leaders to build credibility. In terms of bail/release, we need to have a better mechanism for assessing flight risk where organized crime is involved so that we can hold these suspects until trial and create some accountability and deterrence. We also need to push back on stereotypes of Asian Americans as wealthy, easy targets.

"THIS IS A VERY ORGANIZED RING OF INDIVIDUALS, WELL FINANCED, THAT ARE COMING TOGETHER SOMEWHERE IN OUR COUNTRY . . . AND THEN GOING AND BEING SENT OUT INTO OUR COMMUNITIES ALL OVER THE COUNTRY TO PERPETRATE THESE CRIMES. I HONESTLY BELIEVE THERE'S A CHANCE THAT THIS IS A SEPARATE BUSINESS MODEL FOR A CARTEL TYPE OF ORGANIZATION."

CHIEF OF EUGENE POLICE CHRIS SKINNER



KEY HIGHLIGHTS

“It’s important for everybody to understand that when any one group in our community is being targeted for victimization, we are all under threat.” --District Attorney Chris Parosa

Community Questions and Concerns

Community member questions centered on what can be done to prevent more of these burglaries and what to do if a burglary occurs. We also had questions about how often stolen items are retrieved, statistical data regarding these burglaries, and how to help our communities and law enforcement with these burglaries.



“What can we do as citizens to help protect ourselves, our communities and to help you [law enforcement]?”

“What if you’re in a home when one of these happens?”

“What can we do to battle this jamming of the Wi-Fi?”

KEY HIGHLIGHTS



The thoughtful questions raised during the discussion made it clear how much work still needs to be done. It's not going to be easy, but this was such a meaningful start." --Attendee

During and after the forum, panelists and audience members discussed what community members can do to protect themselves.

- Don't post on social media when you're away from home or on vacation.
- Harden your home with automatic outdoor security lighting.
- Get to know your neighbors and watch out for each other.
- Report to the police so that they have the information they need, and it can help dispel the perception that Asian Americans will stay silent.
- Hard wire cameras so that they are not dependent on Wi-Fi/internet.
- Neighbors' security cameras may pick up footage even if your camera is blocked.
- Try not to have your home address be publicly accessible.
- Make sure everyone in the household (including kids) has a safety plan and knows their home address.
- Dogs are an excellent deterrent.
- If a burglary happens while you are home, no material possessions are worth your safety. Focus on being a good witness and remembering as much detail as possible.



**"THIS IS NOT A EUGENE ISSUE. THIS IS A STATEWIDE,
THIS IS A NATIONAL ISSUE."**

CHIEF OF EUGENE POLICE CHRIS SKINNER



Myth # 1: These Crimes aren't really targeting Asian Americans

The panelists confirmed that **"these burglaries are targeting the AAPI community."** It is an organized crime ring specifically targeting Asian American homes as part of its business model, and the data reinforces that AAPI homes have been the victims. The crime ring is not targeting business owners generally or just people perceived to be wealthy.

Myth # 2: The victims should have been more careful.

These are highly sophisticated crimes that are very different than a standard residential burglary, which is often a crime of opportunity. These crimes involve extensive research and surveillance of the victims to determine their habits and residence. The burglars may use Wi-Fi jammers to disable security systems and hide cameras to monitor their victims. In some cases, victims have been the target of repeated burglaries, including one home in Springfield that was burglarized three times. The burglars may pose as delivery workers. One burglary involved the use of saws to cut into walls to look for hidden valuables. **Criticizing victims for not "being careful enough" makes victims even less likely to report crimes because they feel they are being blamed for the burglary.** Every person deserves to feel safe in their own home.

Myth # 3: Suspects have been arrested, so we don't have to worry any more about these burglaries

Unfortunately, until our bail and release systems are modified, even if suspects are arrested, the organized crime ring is able to finance their bail. If bail is set at \$100,000, a defendant only has to pay 10% of that in cash with no other security or collateral for the remainder. With an average burglary involving \$100,000 or more in theft, this is an excellent business model for a cartel or crime ring. The suspects can flee and continue to participate in other burglaries elsewhere. In addition, because this is a crime ring, there are multiple "crews" of burglars, and even if one crew is arrested, the crime ring may still have access to the names and addresses of community members targeted, leaving them still vulnerable to burglaries. **Until we can hold suspects through trial, the victims will never receive justice or restitution.**

"WE NEED TO HAVE A MECHANISM BY WHICH WE CAN BETTER ASSESS WHETHER OR NOT A PERSON IS EITHER A RISK TO THE COMMUNITY OR IS A SERIOUS RISK OF FLIGHT WHICH THESE FOLKS ALL ARE. AND IN THOSE CASES, WE HAVE TO HAVE AN ABILITY, A STRONGER MECHANISM TO POTENTIALLY HOLD THOSE PEOPLE SO THAT WE CAN HOLD THEM ACCOUNTABLE FOR THE CRIMES THEY'RE COMMITTING TO OUR COMMUNITY MEMBERS HERE IN LANE COUNTY."

DOJ ATTORNEY GAVIN BRUCE



COMMUNITY IMPACT

Bringing People Together

Attendees, including some of the victims of the burglaries, told us that it felt meaningful to have so many community members show up to express support and ask how they can help.



Increased Community Awareness

Besides increased community awareness, we had several elected leaders commenting on the forum and talking about it afterwards. This community support and leadership will be important for taking next steps to try to protect the AAPI community from further burglaries.

Attendee comments after the forum

"I felt it's the beginning of the community finally getting its act together to get this problem resolved."

"A continued awareness campaign could be pivotal in stopping these targeted burglaries."

"Great questions were asked and I feel well informed."

"It was a great forum and I feel this should be the beginning of a movement, not an annual event."

"I was happy to see the turnout from our community members and hope our togetherness will help make our homes less of a target..."



“ It is empowering to feel seen in a community as a minority and gives a voice to people who would otherwise be ignored.” --Attendee

ACCESSIBILITY AND INCLUSION

Making the Forum Accessible

Community accessibility and inclusion were important for this forum, so we chose the Korean Presbyterian Church of Eugene as a venue, which is an important local AAPI community center that hosts language classes, in addition to church services (www.eugenechurch.org). Pastor Harry and his congregants provided valuable services in addition to the venue, including a sound system with wireless microphones for the forum and assistance with child care. We had multiple language interpreters and printed resources available in seven languages. We also had child care providers with a nursery area and food and drink for all of our attendees. We set up a drop box for written questions during the forum, as well as the ability to field questions sent by email. Multiple local media professionals (KVAL and KPEW) made video recordings and a transcript available online of the forum. Following the forum, attendees were able to ask questions of the panelists, and many stayed to talk with other attendees and socialize over food and drink. The Oregon Department of Justice also tabled the event with literature about reporting hate and bias incidents.



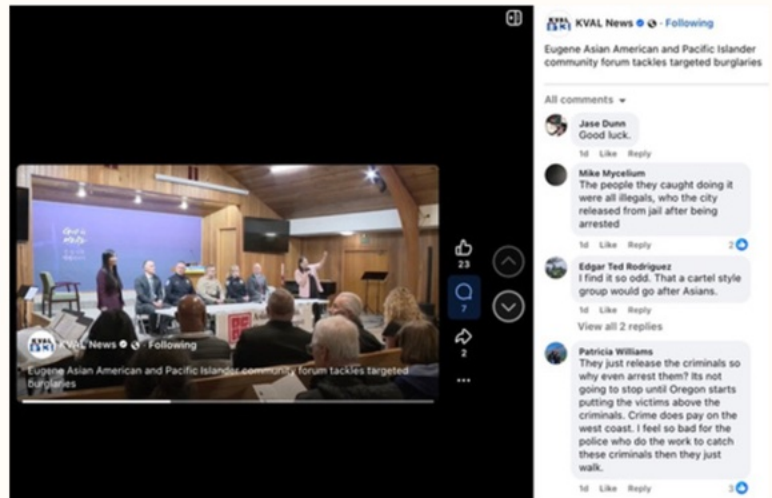
ACCESSIBILITY AND INCLUSION



MEDIA AND PUBLIC AWARENESS

Media

We had significant media coverage, both before the event in order to increase community participation, and following the event. It included multiple spots on local TV news and articles in the local paper and radio. This is the most media attention we have ever had on this issue locally.



MEDIA AND PUBLIC AWARENESS

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Local law enforcement urged neighbors to look out for each other at an Asian American public safety forum in Eugene Thursday evening, saying they need the entire community's help to stop a burglary ring.... [See more](#)



KLCC.ORG

As burglaries targeting Asian American business owners continue, police ask neighbors to look out for each other

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Lane County Mugshots 📍
Mugshots and Local News for Lane County and Surrounding Areas


Insights from Asian American Public Safety Forum: Tackling Targeted Burglaries in Eugene

October 24, 2025



Whole Community News
October 22 at 7:27 AM · 🌐

Jensina Hawkins: We would like to see that coordinated statement to our community saying that hatred, targeting, terrorizing is not allowed for any demographic. [See more](#)



WHOLECOMMUNITYNEWS

Asian American community asks for support; EPD reports 22nd targeted burglary

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AAPI & Allies Public Safety Forum Thursday, Oct. 23, 2025, 6:30 p.m.

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Facilitators: Jenny Jonak and Jensina Hawkins. Panelists: Eugene Police Chief Chris Skinner, Springfield Police Chief Jami Resch, Lane County District Attorney Chris Parosa, Lane County Sheriff Carl Wilkerson, Oregon DOJ Bias Crime Prosecutor Gavin Bruce. ...more

KEZI 9 News 🌐
October 22 at 7:12 PM · 🌐

After years of being targeted by an alleged crime ring, the Asian American Council of Oregon is having a public safety forum on Oct. 23 for its community members.



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KEZI.COM

Asian American community coming together amidst targeted burglaries
After years of being targeted by an alleged crime ring, the Asian American Council of Oregon...

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Community forum in Eugene tackles burglaries targeting Asian American households

by News Staff | Mon, October 20, 2025 at 10:35 AM
Updated Wed, October 22, 2025 at 5:12 PM




FILE: Reporter Tiffany Lewis (left) speaks with Jenny Jonak and Jensina Hawkins of the Asian American Council of Oregon. Photo by KATIE JONES

MEDIA AND PUBLIC AWARENESS

Recognition from Electeds

As a result of the forum, we had a number of local elected officials publicly recognize these burglaries and express solidarity with the AAPI victims and community. Prior to this second forum, we had a lot of private, but little public, acknowledgement of the problem from local leaders.

 **Sen. James I Manning, Jr** is at Korean Presbyterian Church. 32m · 🌐

ICYMI: Powerful presentations, informative conversations, and a capacity crowd at last night's public safety forum organized by the [Asian American Council of Oregon](#).

For more on the deeply troubling spike in reported burglaries targeting our AAPI community, visit: <https://app.lookouteugene-springfield.com/story/burglaries-targeting-asian-americans-is-statewide-problem-crowd-told/content>



Like Comment Share

 **Mayor Kaarin**
October 22 at 3:23 PM · 🌐

AAPI PUBLIC SAFETY FORUM: I stand with our AAPI community. Since late 2023, 22 local households in our Asian American Pacific Islander community have been targeted by an organized burglary ring.

On Thursday, October 23, please join me at 6:30pm for the AAPI Public Safety Forum at the Korean Presbyterian Church of Eugene, supported by the Asian American Council of Oregon and local leaders. Child care and food will be available.

The sophistication and prevalence of these crimes demands our attention and support; investigative work by Eugene Police is active and ongoing, with 13 arrests in the past two years. But as this investigative work continues, we must speak up against crimes that target individuals on the basis of race "and" step up in support of our neighbors and local AAPI businesses. Please join me in this commitment.



AAPI Public Safety Forum
Sponsored by the Asian American Council of Oregon

Public safety updates and discussion regarding crimes targeting the AAPI community

🕒 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

PLEASE SHARE AND BRING FRIENDS AND FAMILY

 **David Loveall**
Yesterday at 8:51 AM · 🌐

Last night the community came together in support and a unified stand against targeted burglaries against our Asian business owners and residents. In the past few years over 22 crimes have been perpetrated by a sophisticated South American "cartel-type" organization. Recently, EPD apprehended seven of these accused and six have made bail. What I took away as a policy maker is what kinds of resources do we "de-prioritize" in our shrinking budget environment to continue (what I believe is the highest priority) to keep all people safe? And how much more cooperation do we need to have with our federal partners even though there may be some barriers there regarding our state sanctuary laws? I encourage each to write to your representatives and let them know how you feel.

Huge shout out to Jensina Hawkins and Jenny Jonak and their team for putting this together! Lookout did a good article:

https://lookouteugene-springfield.com/story/latest-news/2025/10/24/burglaries-targeting-asian-americans-is-statewide-problem-crowd-told/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Morning%20Lookout%2010%2F24%2F25&utm_source=6&utm_source=ActiveCampaign&utm_medium=email&utm_content=Morning%20Lookout%3A%20150%20attend%20forum%20on%20burglaries%20targeting%20Asian%20Americans&utm_campaign=Morning%20Lookout%2010%2F24%2F25



Asian American Council of Oregon

MEDIA AND PUBLIC AWARENESS

Recognition from Electeds



Lane County Commissioner Laurie Trieger

October 22 at 7:29 AM · 🌐

Over the last two years 22 local Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) households and businesses have been victimized by burglary.

The added layer of racial harassment and intimidation on top of the crime of burglary is unacceptable and must be called out.

I stand with our Asian American Pacific Islander community and strongly denounce these hateful actions.

Please join me to learn how we can all support those affected at this special forum tomorrow (Thursday 10/23) 6:30-8pm at the Korean Presbyterian Church of Eugene.

More info available at www.asiancouncil.org @asianamericancounciloregon



Lisa Fragala for Oregon House District 8

October 23 at 8:29 AM · 🌐

I stand in solidarity with our Asian Pacific Islander Community. The on-going attacks are unacceptable.



Representative Lisa Fragala

October 21 at 10:00 AM · 🌐

Over the past two years, Eugene has seen a significant increase in crimes targeting the homes and businesses of Asian Americans. In response to growing public concern, the Asian American Council of Oregon will host an Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Public Safety Forum. The purpose of the forum is to provide an opportunity for community members to hear directly from local law enforcement and government officials about what is happening in the community and what can be done to protect residents.... [See more](#)

AAPI Public Safety Forum

Sponsored by the Asian



Mayor Kaarin

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This past Thursday night's AAPI Public Safety Forum was an important gathering in community as we face a situation that has been painful and deeply unsettling for our Asian American neighbors. Lane County is not the only jurisdiction being impacted by this organized crime ring, and we have work to do to effectively address the aggravating racial bias of these crimes. I'm grateful to the event organizers and to experts from our justice and public safety systems who could explain the current investigations, speak to the crime/court interface, and also identify actions that can help us better protect our community in the future. Please support your neighbors.



Asian American Council of Oregon was ¹⁴ attending AAPI & Allies Public Safety Forum at Korean Presbyterian Church.

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The Asian American Council of Oregon's AAPI Community Forum was honored by the presence of [Mayor Kaarin](#), and we extend our heartfelt thanks... [See more](#)

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Attend the AAPI & Allies Public Safety Forum

Learn status of recent burglary investigation, prevention tips & support AAPI community!

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NEXT STEPS

“ If we can’t disrupt their business model, we’ll never be safe.” --Attendee

More Community Events to Continue Awareness

We need to continue holding events like this forum with the AAPI community and our community at large so that everyone is aware of the problem and can collaborate on the solution. In the words of one attendee, “We as a community need this kind of leadership - leadership that unites us and pushes for progress.”

Improve Reporting

Improving reporting should be a priority for our local law enforcement. We should ensure that they have the resources they need for training in cultural issues and life experiences that may impede reporting, as well as ensuring that language resources are available. We should also coordinate regular contacts with law enforcement and the AAPI community to build trust.

Local and State Task Forces

Collaboration and coordination between different jurisdictions, and between law enforcement, prosecutors and elected officials, is key to making sure that these burglaries are prioritized and there is clear information about these crime rings.

Legislation

We **need legislative fixes to allow suspects in these cases to be held through trial**, or there will never be accountability or deterrence of these crimes. We also need to look at the hate/bias statutes and the extent to which these targeted burglaries can be charged under those statutes or have release/sentencing enhanced where victims are targeted by race.

“ So much remains to be done at the state level, I hope they will address the issue fast.” --Attendee

"THE MORE EVENTS LIKE THIS, THE MORE WE STAND UP AS A COMMUNITY AND SAY THAT THESE CRIMES ARE TARGETING A PROTECTED CLASS, THESE CRIMES ARE TARGETING VULNERABLE INDIVIDUALS IN OUR COMMUNITIES AND THAT WE'RE NOT GOING TO STAND FOR IT . . . **THIS IS THE TYPE OF EVENT THAT IS GOING TO HELP CHANGE THAT NARRATIVE.**"

DOJ ATTORNEY GAVIN BRUCE

