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**Tusitala Toese arrested at Portland International Airport, arraigned on indictment charging him with assault**

Today, Multnomah County District Attorney Rod Underhill announced that 22-year-old Tusitala Toese appeared in court and was arraigned on a two-count indictment following an alleged assault that occurred in June 2018.

The indictment was filed on February 28, 2019.

Count one of the indictment charges Toese with assault in the third degree for unlawfully, intentionally and knowingly, while being aided by another person causing physical injury to another person.

Count two of the indictment charges Toese with assault in the fourth degree for unlawfully, intentionally, knowingly and recklessly causing physical injury to another person.

The alleged assault happened in Multnomah County on June 8, 2018.

Members of the United States Marshals Service and Portland Police Bureau located and arrested Toese on October 4, 2019 at approximately 10:30 p.m. at Portland International Airport. No additional details about the arrest are available at this time.

An indictment is only an accusation of a crime. Toese is innocent unless and until proven guilty.

Like in all criminal and civil matters, electronic copies of court documents, which are not subject to a protective order, are available to the public through the Oregon eCourt Information (OECI) system.

No additional information can be released by the Multnomah County District Attorney's Office at this time pursuant to the Oregon Professional Rules of Conduct.

This case is being litigated by the Multnomah County District Attorney's Office Strategic Prosecution Unit, which reviews cases that stem from neighborhood-specific concerns. The unit is primarily responsible for interfacing with the community over specific issues, and handles all types of cases across the criminal justice spectrum to include misdemeanors and homicides.

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