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Grand jury indicts Patrick Ell for the alleged assault of a University of Portland associate vice president

Today, Multnomah County District Attorney Rod Underhill announced that a grand jury returned a single count indictment against 52-year-old Patrick Ell.

The indictment, filed December 23, 2019, charges Ell with one count of assault in the second degree and alleges that on or about December 13, 2019, he unlawfully, intentionally or knowingly caused physical injury to Mathew Rygg using a dangerous weapon.

Under Oregon law, a dangerous weapon is any weapon, device, instrument, material or substance, which under the circumstances in which it is used, attempted to be used or threatened to be used, is readily capable of causing death or serious physical injury.

This investigation started on December 13, 2019 when 9-1-1 dispatchers received information about a disturbance near the intersection of Northeast Cleveland Avenue and Northeast Dekum Street.

During the investigation, law enforcement learned that Mr. Rygg returned to his residence and observed a man, later identified as Ell, standing nearby, according to court documents. Ell is accused of using a baseball bat to assault Mr. Rygg multiple times with "great purpose and anger," according to court documents.

At the hospital, Mr. Rygg received medical treatment for multiple head lacerations, according to court documents.

Law enforcement located and arrested Ell in the 7300 block of North Chautauqua Boulevard at approximately 11 p.m. on December 13, 2019.

Ell is scheduled to appear in Multnomah County Circuit Court at 2:10 p.m. on December 31, 2019 for his arraignment.

This case is being investigated by the Portland Police Bureau and the University of Portland's Department of Public Safety.

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 (OEI) system.

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

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

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