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**Woman, 23, accused of bias crime against foreign exchange student from Saudi Arabia**

Today, Multnomah County District Attorney Rod Underhill announced the filing of a bias crime indictment against 23-year-old Jasmine Renee Campbell who is accused of approaching a foreign exchange student from Saudi Arabia and forcibly taking the victim's hijab from her and then intentionally desecrating the hijab.

The indictment charges Campbell with two counts of bias crime in the second degree, one count of attempted strangulation, one count of harassment and one count of criminal mischief in the third degree.

The victim in this case is a 24 year old foreign exchange student who attends Portland State University. According to court documents, at approximately 7:30 p.m. on November 12, 2019 the victim was at a TriMet MAX station in the 900 block of Southwest Yamhill Street in Portland, Oregon. She is Muslim and was wearing a hijab that covered her head and went around her neck.

It is alleged that Campbell, who did not know the victim, approached the victim from behind and grabbed her hijab. Campbell then tried to choke the victim using the hijab, according to court documents. The victim was able to push Campbell away, which is when Campbell then forcibly took the hijab from the victim, according to court documents.

Court documents allege that Campbell used the hijab and rubbed it on and across multiple exposed sexually intimate parts of her body.

As a result of this incident, the victim told police that she no longer feels safe wearing a hijab in public and is relying on alternative methods to cover herself, according to court documents.

On December 13, 2019, the Portland Police Bureau located and arrested Campbell on an unrelated matter. She was scheduled to appear in Multnomah County Circuit Court on January 3, 2020 at approximately 9 a.m. in the Justice Center, Courtroom #4. The warrant in this case remains active because Campbell failed to appear, according to court documents.

This case is being investigated by the Portland Police Bureau.

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 Rules of Professional Conduct.

A charging document is only an accusation of a crime. Campbell is innocent unless and until proven guilty.

The Multnomah County District Attorney's Office was an active participant of the Oregon Attorney General's Hate Crimes Task Force and helped draft the language that was in Senate Bill 577. The law, which went into effect on July 15, 2019, renamed the crime of "intimidation" to "bias crime," added gender identity to the list of protected categories and removed the requirement that two or more people commit the crime in order to make it a felony in certain circumstances.

All potential bias crime cases, whether they are a felony or misdemeanor, are reviewed by the Violent Crimes Unit within the Multnomah County District Attorney's Office. If a misdemeanor crime is issued, the felony-level attorney will retain the case.

If you are the victim of a bias crime assault or you are witnessing one, immediately call 9-1-1. If you are the victim of a bias crime and the suspect is no longer present or if you have information about a bias crime committed in the past, call the non-emergency line at 503-823-3333.

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