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Carroll McClendon charged with assault, accused of stabbing an off-duty Portland Fire Bureau lieutenant

Today, Multnomah County District Attorney Rod Underhill announced the filing of a two-count charging document against 30-year-old Carroll McClendon who is accused of assaulting an off-duty lieutenant assigned to the Portland Fire Bureau.

McClendon is charged with one count of assault in the second degree and one count of unlawful use of a weapon.

This investigation started on January 18, 2020 when Portland Police responded to a disturbance at a bar located in the 2000 block of Southwest Morrison Street.

According to court documents, the victim was at the bar with friends; seated at a table that allowed him to look out onto the sidewalk. While seated inside the bar, a person, later identified as McClendon walked by the window, locked eyes with the victim and started to stare at him. It is alleged that McClendon – who appeared agitated – then entered the bar and walked directly to the victim and took a fighting stance.

As stated in a probable cause affidavit, the victim told police that he feared for his safety and the safety of his friends after McClendon started making threatening statements. In response, the victim told police that he pushed McClendon away.

As the victim returned to his seat, he realized that he had been stabbed once in the chest and once near his inner bicep, according to court documents.

Stitches were needed to close both stab wounds, according to court documents.

According to court documents, at the time of this incident, McClendon was on probation in Multnomah County following an incident where he threatened separate person with a knife.

This case is being investigated by the Portland Police Bureau's Assault Detail.

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. McClendon is innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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