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Murder suspect booked into Multnomah County's Detention Center

Today, Multnomah County District Attorney Rod Underhill announced that on Friday April 3, 2020 Charvell Demarcus Douglas, 47, appeared in court and was arraigned on an indictment that alleges he murdered 43-year-old Jaquona Lakaya Goggans.

On April 2, 2020, Douglas was booked into the Multnomah County Detention Center after being arrested in Wasco County, Oregon earlier this year.

The indictment, which was filed under seal on September 17, 2019, charges Douglas with one count of murder – constituting domestic violence.

Court documents allege that on or about February 7, 2019, Douglas unlawfully and intentionally caused the death of Ms. Goggans.

This case is being investigated by the Portland Police Bureau's Homicide 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. Douglas is innocent unless and until proven guilty.

The Multnomah County District Attorney's Domestic Violence Unit is committed to ending family abuse. The unit engages in evidence-based prosecution of domestic violence. It emphasizes the importance of victim advocacy services for all victims and their children. Even when a prosecutor decides to proceed with a case without a victim's participation, every effort is made to offer the victim advocacy services from available resources.

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Resources:

- [Multnomah County District Attorney's Office: Victim Assistance Program](#): 503-988-3222
- [Call to Safety](#): 1-888-235-5333
- [The Gateway Center for Domestic Violence Services](#): 503-988-6400

The Multnomah County District Attorney's Sexual Assault Victim Advocate (SAVA) program provides 24-hour on-call response to victims of sexual assault in Multnomah County. Volunteers and staff respond to all local area hospitals to provide accompaniment for forensic rape exams, crisis intervention, resource referrals, and emotional support. This immediate crisis intervention service is then followed by ongoing support and advocacy throughout the investigation and prosecution of the case. The SAVA Program volunteers respond to approximately 270 sexual assault call outs each year.

The Multnomah County District Attorney's Office works closely with the City of Portland's Office of Youth Violence Prevention and attends the bi-weekly Community Peace Collaborative meeting, which is a coalition of law enforcement, service providers and community members who are focused on encouraging people to take a stand against gun violence.

In August 2017, the Portland Area Crime Gun Initiative was formed in partnership the U.S. Attorney's Office, Portland Police Bureau, Gresham Police Department, Multnomah County Sheriff's Office, Multnomah County District Attorney's Office, Oregon State Police, Oregon State Crime Lab, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and the ATF.

The Portland Area Crime Gun Initiative works with its partners to prevent violent crime by identifying perpetrators, linking criminal activities, and identifying sources of crime guns for immediate disruption, investigation, and prosecution.

For more information on the Portland Area Crime Gun Initiative, please click [here](#).

COVID-19 Notice:

The health and well-being of all employees and community members we serve is a top priority for the Multnomah County District Attorney. Our office is working with the court, defense bar, local law enforcement and other system partners to carefully balance the needs of public health and public safety.

For information about the operational changes implemented by the District Attorney's Office in response to the novel coronavirus, please [click here](#).

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