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**Grand Jury indicts Joseph David Schneider for the murder of 31-year-old Benjamin Taylor Johnson at a Southeast Portland pawnshop**

Today, Multnomah County District Attorney Rod Underhill announced the filing of a seven-count indictment against 22-year-old Joseph David Schneider for the murder of 31-year-old Benjamin Taylor Johnson.

Schneider is charged with four counts of murder in the first degree with a firearm, two counts of robbery in the first degree with a firearm and one count of unlawful possession of a firearm.

The indictment alleges that Schneider committed a robbery and that in the course of and in the furtherance of committing that crime he unlawfully and intentionally killed Mr. Johnson using a firearm.

Schneider is scheduled to be arraigned at the Multnomah County Justice Center at approximately 9:30 a.m. on April 13, 2020.

According to previously released information from the Portland Police Bureau, this investigation started on March 30, 2020 at approximately 3 p.m. when officers received information about a shooting that had occurred at a pawnshop located in the 3300 block of Southeast 82<sup>nd</sup> Avenue. The suspect, later identified as Schneider, ran from the scene.

On April 2, 2020, at approximately 2 p.m., detectives with the Portland Police Bureau's Homicide Detail located and arrested Schneider in the area of Southeast Powell Boulevard and Southeast 166<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

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.

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

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