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### Grand jury indicts suspect in SE Portland machete attack

Today, Multnomah County District Attorney Rod Underhill announced that a grand jury has indicted 51-year-old Todd Hike with one count of attempted murder in the second degree and one count of assault in the first degree for allegedly intentionally stabbing a man in the head, face and eye.

According to court documents, on April 9, 2020, Portland Police received information about an in-progress stabbing in the 1400 block of Southeast Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard.

Police arrived and found a man, later identified as Hike, on top of the victim, according to court documents. There appeared to be blood-splatter throughout the hallway and blood pooling on the ground under the victim. Officers saw Hike holding a large knife in his right hand and observed the victim – using both hands - grabbing onto Hike’s right hand while yelling for help.

Hike refused repeated commands from officers to put down the knife, according to court documents.

One of the police officers on scene ran up to Hike and started prying the knife away from Hike’s hand, according to court documents. As other officer’s pulled Hike away from the victim, Hike grunted loudly and swung the knife downward with great force in an apparent attempt to strike the victim, according to court documents. The strike missed the victim’s head by approximately two inches, court documents allege.

Police took Hike into custody and secured the weapon. During their investigation, police determined the knife to be a small machete with an approximately 13-inch long blade, according to court documents.

During their investigation, officers spoke with a witness who said he heard the victim yelling out for help and when he exited his room he saw Hike on top of the victim holding a large knife, according to court documents. The witness told police he threw a chair at Hike in an attempt to stop the attack.

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The victim sustained multiple stab wounds, 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 (OEI) system.

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

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