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### **Man, 33, charged in connection with two attempted murders, one assault in Portland, Oregon**

Today, Multnomah County District Attorney Rod Underhill announced that as part of a collaborative effort between the Neighborhood/Strategic Prosecution Unit for the Multnomah County District Attorney's Office and the Portland Police Bureau, 33-year-old Juan Sensational Dickens has been identified in three separate assaults, including two attempted murders.

In total, three separate indictments have been filed and allege three separate criminal episodes:

- **Indictment No. 1 – Case No. 18CR81375** – was filed on December 17, 2018 and charges Dickens with one count of attempted aggravated murder, attempted murder, robbery in the first degree, assault in the first degree, assault in the second degree and unlawful use of a weapon. Dickens was arraigned on this indictment on December 18, 2018.

According to court documents, on November 17, 2018, officers with the Portland Police Bureau responded to the area of Northwest 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Northwest Irving Street around 5:30 p.m. on reports of an assault. When law enforcement arrived, they located a male suffering from a stab wound. The victim was transported to an area hospital with profuse bleeding and as a result of the assault, had his spleen removed, according to court documents.

The victim told law enforcement that while he was having a conversation with several other people, the defendant confronted him, according to court documents. The victim reported he got off his bicycle in order to talk with the defendant when Dickens "produced a knife and stabbed the victim on the left side" of his ribs, according to court documents.

After the alleged assault, the defendant fled the area, according to court documents. Law enforcement spoke with the victim who identified Dickens as the person who stabbed him, according to court documents. Law enforcement began looking for Dickens.

Dickens was arrested on December 7, 2018. Following his arrest, law enforcement learned of additional information that implicated him in two other assaults:

- **Indictment No. 2 – Case No. 19CR03536** – was filed on January 15, 2019 and charges Dickens with the August 17, 2015 attempted murder of a male subject that happened in the area of Southwest Natio Parkway under the Burnside Bridge.
- **Indictment No. 3 – Case No. 19CR03544** – was filed on January 15, 2019 and charges Dickens with assault in the first degree and assault in the second degree. According to court records, Dickens attacked a male subject on September 4, 2017 with a chain. The alleged assault occurred near the Burnside Bridge.

On January 16, 2019, Dickens was arraigned on the indictments filed under case numbers 19CR03536 and 19CR03544.

The defendant's next court date is scheduled for January 28, 2019.

This remains an on-going criminal investigation and as such, no additional information can be released by the Multnomah County District Attorney's Office.

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Anyone with information about the defendant, or any other unreported assault, is asked to call the Portland Police Neighborhood Response Team (NRT) Officer Matthew Jacobsen at 503-250-4410 or via email at [Matthew.Jacobsen@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:Matthew.Jacobsen@portlandoregon.gov).

An indictment is only an accusation of a crime. The defendant is innocent unless and until proven guilty.

This case is being prosecuted by the Multnomah County District Attorney's Office Neighborhood/Strategic Prosecution Unit, which reviews cases that stem from neighborhood-specific concerns. The unit is primarily responsible for interfacing with the community over specific issues and handles all types of cases across the criminal justice spectrum from misdemeanors to homicides.

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