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### **Man charged with kidnapping hotel housekeeper near Portland International Airport**

Today, Multnomah County District Attorney Rod Underhill announced criminal charges were filed against William Harrison English, 31, following his arrest by the Port of Portland Police Department.

English made his first court appearance on July 24, 2018 before Judge Jean Kerr Maurer at the Multnomah County Justice Center.

The charging document filed in case number 18CR48991 alleges two counts of kidnapping in the first degree and one count each of the following charges: burglary in the first degree, unlawful use of a weapon, coercion and menacing.

It is alleged in court documents that the female victim was a member of the housekeeping staff at a hotel near Portland International Airport. Neither the victim nor defendant knew one another prior to the alleged incident that occurred July 23.

According to a probable cause affidavit, while inside cleaning the bathroom to a hotel room, the victim heard a noise. The affidavit states the woman turned around and saw the defendant inside the bathroom holding a knife above his shoulders.

The probable cause affidavit states the defendant closed the door to the hotel room with the victim still inside and told her not to scream. When the employee began to scream, it is alleged the defendant said he would stab her if she continued to scream. Furthermore, the defendant told the victim to turn towards the bathtub. When the victim did not do as told, the defendant touched the victim on the shoulder and turned her towards the bathtub. The defendant then ordered the employee out of the bathroom. She was told to go to the main part of the hotel room and to get onto the bed. The defendant continued to say that if she did not do as told he would stab her.

Court documents state the victim was able to hit the hands-free feature to a nearby phone and scream for help to the front desk. The defendant then hit the speaker phone button, which disconnected the call. The defendant exited the room and the employee closed and locked the door until help arrived.

As stated in court documents, Port of Portland Police contacted the defendant in a nearby hotel room where they recovered a knife and placed it into evidence.

The investigation into this case remains ongoing and as such no additional information can be released.

The defendant's next court appearance is scheduled for August 1, 2018.

A charging document is only an accusation of a crime, and all defendants are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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