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### **Second man charged in alleged attempted murder, robbery that occurred at a downtown Portland MAX platform**

Today, Multnomah County District Attorney Rod Underhill announced that 19-year-old Kenneth Gutierrez-Maldonado was charged in a 15-count indictment for his alleged involvement in the Christmas Day attempted murder of a person waiting for a TriMet MAX train in downtown Portland, Oregon.

The indictment, which was filed on February 21, 2019, charges the Gutierrez-Maldonado one count of attempted murder, one count of assault in the first degree, one count of unlawful use of a weapon, six count of robbery in the first degree and six counts of robbery in the second degree.

Saul Vela, 19, a co-defendant in this case, was charged in January with attempted murder, assault in the first degree, unlawful use of a weapon, six counts of robbery in the first degree and six counts of robbery in the second degree.

This investigation started when Portland Police responded to reports of a robbery and stabbing on the MAX platform located at Southwest 1st Avenue and Southwest Oak Street. Police arrived and located an adult male suffering from critical injuries, according to a probable cause affidavit.

Detectives assigned to the Portland Police Bureau's Robbery Unit responded to the scene and spoke with officers assigned to the Transit Division who had located two of the suspects involved in the assault, according to court documents.

Law enforcement learned that the individual who was stabbed was waiting for the MAX with two acquaintances, according to court documents.

The group was approached by Vela and another individual. The two suspects confronted the group. The other individual with Vela pulled out a handgun, according to court documents. When one of the victims handed over his cellphone, he started to walk away but looked back and saw Vela attacking his friend, according to court documents.

The assault victim was stabbed multiple times, according to law enforcement.

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

A copy of the indictment and probable cause affidavit can be obtained using case number 19CR12652 in the Oregon eCourt Information (OECI) system.

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

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