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**Grand jury indicts Daniel Conner for the murder of 49-year-old Paul Mears**

Today, Multnomah County District Attorney Rod Underhill announced that 38-year-old Daniel Conner was arraigned on a two count indictment that accuses him of murdering 49-year-old Paul Mears.

According to the indictment, Conner unlawfully used a knife to intentionally cause the death of Mr. Mears.

The indictment charges Conner with one count of murder and one count of unlawful use of a weapon.

This investigation started on April 8, 2019 when officers assigned to the Portland Police Bureau were called out to the area of Southwest Broadway and Southwest Alder Street on reports of an assault, according to court documents. When police and paramedics arrived, they located Mr. Mears on the sidewalk suffering from critical injuries, records state.

According to a probable cause statement, law enforcement started searching the area for any persons involved in the incident. During the search, police located Conner near the intersection of Southwest 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Southwest Morrison Street. When he was contacted, Conner had blood on his gloves, jacket, hands and face. Police also located a bloodied knife when they arrested Conner, according to court documents.

On April 17, 2019, Conner appeared in Multnomah County Circuit Court and was arraigned.

As stated earlier by the Portland Police Bureau, the family of Mr. Mears is requesting privacy at this time and is requesting that media refrain from contacting them.

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

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