

Oregon officials decry arrests by federal agents in Portland

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PORTLAND — Federal agents in green camouflage uniforms have been taking people into custody in the streets of Portland, not close to federal property they were sent to protect, in what the ACLU on Friday said “should concern everyone in the United States.”

“Usually when we see people in unmarked cars forcibly grab someone off the street we call it kidnapping,” said Jann Carson, interim executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Oregon. “The actions of the militarized federal officers are flat-out unconstitutional and will not go unanswered.”

Gov. Kate Brown said President Donald Trump,

who deployed Department of Homeland Security officers to Portland, is looking for a confrontation in the hopes of winning political points elsewhere.

The Democratic governor on Thursday called the actions “a blatant abuse of power by the federal government.” Her spokesman, Charles Boyle, said Friday that arresting people without probable cause is “extraordinarily concerning and a violation of their civil liberties and constitutional rights.”

Federal officers have charged at least 13 people with crimes related to the protests so far, Oregon Public Broadcasting reported Thursday. Some have been detained by the federal courthouse, which has been the scene of pro-



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Police stand as protesters gather during a demonstration, Thursday in Portland. Federal officers deployed tear gas and fired less-lethal rounds into a crowd of protesters late Thursday. The actions came just hours after the head of the Department of Homeland Security called the protesters “violent anarchists.”

tests. But others were grabbed blocks away.

One video showed two people in helmets and green camouflage with “police” patches grabbing a person on the sidewalk, handcuffing them and taking them into an unmarked vehicle.

“Who are you?” someone asks the pair, who do not respond. At least some of the federal officers belong to the Department of Homeland Security.

“Authoritarian governments, not democratic republics, send unmarked authorities after protesters,” Democratic U.S. Sen. Jeff Merkley said in a tweet.

The Council on American-Islamic Relations Oregon chapter said in a statement: “We are now seeing escalating tactics with protesters being unlawfully detained by unknown Federal law enforcement entities.”

U.S. Attorney Billy Williams in Portland said Friday that, based on news accounts that allege federal law enforcement detained two protesters without prob-

able cause, he has requested the Department of Homeland Security Office of the Inspector General to investigate the actions of DHS personnel.

Oregon’s two senators and two of its House members announced they will be asking the DHS inspector general, as well as the U.S. Department of Justice, to investigate “the unrequested presence and violent actions of federal forces in Portland.”

Thursday night, federal officers deployed tear gas and fired less-lethal rounds into a crowd of protesters, hours after the the head of the Department of Homeland Security visited the city and called the demonstrators, who are protesting racism and police brutality, “violent anarchists.”

In southern Oregon, someone has been shooting cars on I-5

By Ryan Pfeil
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ROSEBURG — Bullets have struck at least five vehicles on Interstate 5 between Merlin and Roseburg since mid-May, Oregon State Police reported Wednesday.

The latest one occurred July 9, Oregon State Police Lt. Stephanie Bigman said in a telephone interview.

“We may have more up there we just don’t know about,” she said.

As of Thursday, OSP still had little to go on. The caliber of the bullets is under investigation, and it’s not known whether the shots were fired from another vehicle or from a spot along the freeway.

The impacts occurred somewhere along a 33-mile stretch between mileposts 67 and 100, according to OSP.

“That’s what we’ve got right now is a rough estimate,” Bigman said.

That estimate is based on sounds the drivers of the vehicles that were struck heard, followed by the discovery of damage down the road.

There’s been no apparent pattern to the incidents. Two of the vehicles were commercial trucks and three were passenger vehicles.

“It’s been fairly random as far as the types of vehicles that have been struck, the time of day the vehicles have been struck, the direction that the vehicles have been traveling,” Bigman said.

No injuries or deaths have been reported so far. Most of the vehicles were

passing through to another destination, which compounds the difficulty in narrowing down the locations where the impacts occurred.

“They hear a noise. They’re like, ‘I ran over something.’ They go up the road, maybe pull in a gas station and they’re like, ‘Hey, look, there’s a hole,’” Bigman said. “So they don’t know exactly where they were hit.”

Four vehicles were hit once, and one had two bullet holes, Bigman said. Damage includes a flattened tire on a passenger vehicle, a pierced coolant hose on a semi and the loss of power steering on another.

For some vehicles, the damage was identified quickly. Others took a while.

The driver of the semi with the pierced coolant hose didn’t discover the bullet hole until reaching California.

“We’ve gone back and been able to take photos and stuff like that of the bullet holes and determine that they are truly bullet holes,” Bigman said. “But, again, it’s difficult, because people aren’t registering exactly what is happening at the time, and they’re not from here.”

OSP is asking the public to call if they believe their vehicle was struck on the freeway.

State police also ask residents living near the I-5 corridor who hear random gunshots to call the OSP Southern Command Center at 1-800-442-2068 or *OSP. The case number is SP20-173444.

State fair canceled, but corn dogs available

By Jake Thomas
Salem Reporter via AP StoryShare

SALEM — Like almost all summer outdoor events, the Oregon State Fair is canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. But those missing elephant ears, turkey legs and other grease or sugar-laden staples sold at the annual event are in luck.

A fair vendor has opened a drive-thru at the fairgrounds offering corn-dogs, elephant ears, lemonade and other classics throughout the summer.

Brian Bradbury, the operations manager at Pacific Rim Food and Beverage, said this year was supposed to be the first year his company operated the food booths

scattered throughout the fairgrounds.

But in May, Bradbury got word the fair had been canceled due to the pandemic.

“It was just unbelievable,” said Bradbury, who can’t remember the Oregon State Fair ever being canceled while growing up in Salem.

While the fairgrounds were temporarily converted into a hospital, he recalled talking with co-workers and coming up with the idea for a drive-thru selling fried Twinkies, mounds of curly fries and other fare.

So the Taste of a Fair drive-thru was launched three weeks ago with plans for it to remain open

through Labor Day when the Oregon State Fair would normally end. The drive-thru is open on Fridays from 4-8 p.m. and on weekends from 12-8 p.m.

Bradbury said his company will come up with a new specialty each week. There are plans to serve turkey legs and “donut dogs,” hotdogs encased in maple bars. He also said there have been weekly variations on curly fries that have included garlic and pulled pork.

Bradbury said orders are completed with social distancing measures in place and customers don’t get out their cars to receive their baskets of food. He said some hungry customers will

park in the lot in front of the fairgrounds and eat right there.

“People are absolutely thrilled by it,” he said. “It’s been awesome to see.”

He said one challenge has been finding ways to package three-pound orders of curly fries and other jumbo-sized food not intended to be a to-go item.

“It’s big and it’s bulky,” he said. “It’s not like wrapping up a little hamburger and french fries.”

Kim Grewe-Powell, the fair’s interim CEO, said in an email it has been exciting to see the Taste of a Fair help fill the void after the fair was canceled.

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