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"I stepped in to help the man because I thought to myself, what if that was my little brother?"

-ANDREW SMITH, GOOD SAMARITAN

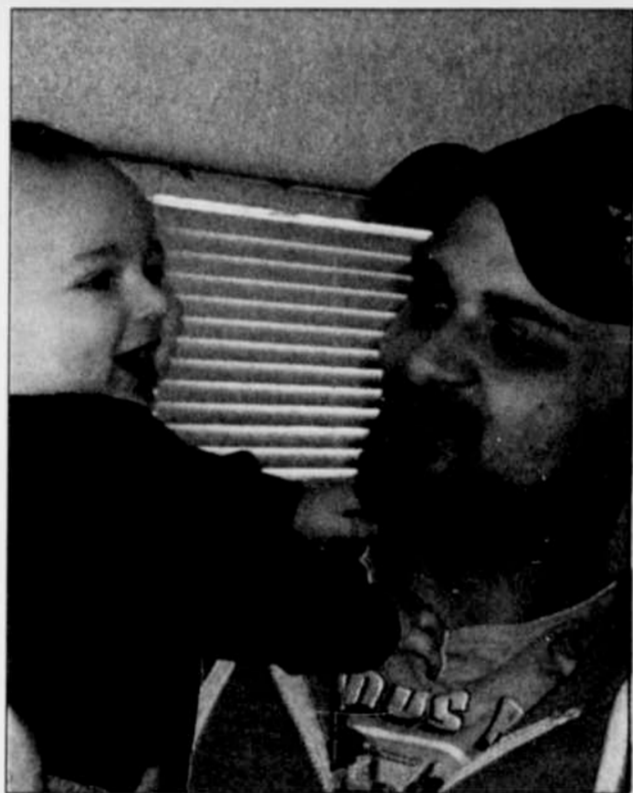
or with the assistance of another person. Assault 3 carries a maximum penalty of up to five years in prison and \$125,000 in fines.

Intimidation in the second degree is a misdemeanor bias crimes charge characterized by either subjecting someone to "offensive physical contact" or subjecting them to alarm by threatening either physical harm or substantial property damage. Intimidation 2 carries a maximum penalty of one year in prison and \$6,250 in fines.

Simpson said only Siefke was charged with intimidation because he was allegedly the only one using anti-gay language. If both men had used hate speech during the alleged attack, both would have been charged with intimidation one, which is a felony.

While there was no weapon involved in this case, a Shawn Siefke is listed as a mixed martial arts competitor at the Rose Garden. Sgt. Simpson said that if the Siefke arrested in connection with the attack is an expert in mixed martial arts, that wouldn't influence the charges, but it could come up in court.

"An assault is an assault, whether you've never fought in your life or you have mixed martial arts training," Simpson said. Still, he added, that information could make it



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Good Samaritan Andrew Smith at the coast, and with his son Sabastain

hard to argue in court that Siefke was acting in self-defense and had no other options: "The prosecutor may use that information to support the case."

Both men are scheduled for a preliminary hearing July 12 at 2:10 p.m. in Justice Center courtroom 3. ☐

Police ask that anyone with information about the attack contact Detective Jeff Sharp at 503-823-9773. Just Out will continue to follow this story as it develops.

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