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Anti-gay Assault Leads to Arrest in Downtown Portland

Dillan Joseph Cashman was arrested July 25 and charged with intimidation in the second degree and assault in the fourth degree following a reported anti-gay assault in the 200 block of SW Harrison Street at Lovejoy Park.

Per a press release from the Portland Police Bureau, officers arrived at 4:48 a.m. July 25 and spoke with 30-year-old Andrew Dempsey-Gluth, who told police he was walking through the park with another male, their arms wrapped around each other as they walked. He told officers they were approached by two males, one of whom was Cashman, who began insulting them with anti-gay slurs. Dempsey-Gluth and his friend left the area but later returned to respond to Cashman. Dempsey-Gluth saw the suspect on a balcony next to the park, and told the suspect that his comments were out of line. That's when Cashman left his apartment, approached Dempsey-Gluth at the park and assaulted him.

PPB Bias Crimes Detective Kevin Warren reported to *Just Out* that though the assault occurred just a few hours after the July 23 "We Are Not Afraid" march in downtown Portland, the incident was unrelated.

Anyone with additional information about this case or other bias crimes is encouraged to contact Detective Warren at 503-823-3761, or kevin.warren@portland-oregon.gov.

Hundreds March to Protest Bias Crimes

Hundreds of people—LGBTQ and allies alike—took to the sidewalks of downtown Portland late July 23 to protest recent anti-gay bias assaults and ask downtown businesses to be a "safe space" for everyone.

The "We Are Not Afraid" march kicked off after 11 p.m. and was organized by Jeffrey Carr and the recently founded Oregon State Gay Pride Organization. Protestors marched a loop that began and ended at CC Slaughters in downtown Portland, led by Grand Marshal Bolivia Carmichaels, while chanting, "We're here, we're queer, we won't live in fear," and "We Are Not Afraid."

"There's a lump in my throat and a hole in

my heart for all the victims of these recent hate crimes that have been committed here in Portland," Carr said. "We are each here to stand up and say no to violence and harassment and mistreatment. We are here to show love and support for any people who have been marginalized."

A number of businesses along the route—including Living Room Theaters, The Roxy and Voodoo Doughnut, in addition to all the gay bars in the area—showed their support by agreeing to post signs declaring them a safe space for LGBTQ people.

—ERIN ROOK

Williams Institute Releases 2010 Census Data on Same-Sex Couples Living in Oregon

The Williams Institute—a UCLA think tank specializing in the field of sexual orientation and gender identity-related issues in law and public policy—released a snapshot of information August 4 culled from the 2010 U.S. Census containing data on numbers of same-sex couples and households living in Oregon.

The release reported that there are 14,979 same-sex couples living in the entire state, which translates to 9.9 same-sex couples per 1,000 households. Not surprisingly, Multnomah County and the City of Portland both ranked at the top of Oregon's regions for same-sex couples and couples per 1,000 households. The county logged 5,897 same-sex couples, with 19.36 per 1,000 households, and Portland counted 5,446 same-sex couples, with 21.91 per 1,000 households. Lincoln County ranked the lowest of the counties that had 50 or more same-sex couples, with 215.

The proportions of same-sex couples by sex and child-rearing was overwhelmingly female, with 65 percent tallied; the number of same-sex couples raising children was overwhelmingly low at 29 percent.

For more information about the Williams Institute, or to see the data releases for Oregon and other states, visit law.ucla.edu/williamsinstitute.