

# Arrested Portland protesters defy 'anarchists' depiction

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Sheena McFerran was two rows behind a line of police at a protest in Portland when she saw officers pepper-spraying a Black man.

"I said, 'Hell no,' so I pulled his backpack back really hard and stepped into the space he was in," said McFerran, a 34-year-old manager for the Sierra Club who's white.

Edward Schinzing, 32, was just around the corner on another night. Prosecutors say he and 30 others broke into a building with a jail and courtrooms, destroyed an office and set it ablaze.

Both were arrested. Their disparate circumstances highlight what The Associated Press found in an analysis of more than 200 arrests: even those accused of breaking the law during the liberal city's nightly rallies don't neatly fit into President Donald Trump's depiction of protesters as "anarchists and agitators."

A review of court documents, social media posts and other public records from people arrested by federal and local authorities since mid-June reveals a group whose motives are as varied as the acts leading to their arrests.

They're Black Lives Matter activists who have been in the streets since George Floyd died at the hands of Minneapolis police in May, groups of self-proclaimed parents using leaf blowers to drive away tear gas and black-clad provocateurs taking advantage of the nightly chaos that's gripped downtown Portland for over two months and led Trump to deploy federal agents in



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**Federal agents arrest a demonstrator during a Black Lives Matter protest outside the Mark O. Hatfield U.S. Courthouse in Portland on Wednesday.**

early July.

The AP found that 95% of those arrested by police and federal agents were local. The vast majority have no criminal record in Oregon. Many appear to be college students. Their average age was 28, court records show.

They're mostly charged with misdemeanors like failing to comply with a lawful order, while some face felonies like arson and assault on an officer. Most people have been released, and some have been arrested more than once for similar offenses.

The federal government agreed Wednesday to draw down the number of agents whose presence has swelled the ranks of the protests. Federal forces have drawn more black-clad people accused of setting fires or assaulting officers but also military veterans seeking to lower tensions and a self-titled "Wall of Moms."

"They have acted as an occupying force & brought violence," Gov. Kate Brown

tweeted of the U.S. officers.

Soon before the announcement, Trump insisted agents wouldn't leave until local authorities "secured their city." He's spent weeks running Portland through the political playbook he used during the initial wave of nationwide demonstrations after Floyd's death: painting those on the streets as anarchists and seeking to tie them to Democratic rival Joe Biden.

On Thursday, Trump said federal officers who were stationed at the courthouse in downtown Portland would remain in the city through at least Friday to see if Brown and Mayor Ted Wheeler clear out protesters Trump described as a "beehive of terrorists."

If Brown and Wheeler do not succeed, Trump threatened to send in the National Guard.

The U.S. Justice Department and Homeland Security officials have often highlighted destructive cases like Schinzing's in

their portrayal of protesters. The nightly unrest often follows a script: authorities declare a riot, sending hundreds of peaceful protesters home as smaller groups of demonstrators target the U.S. courthouse with bricks, laser pointers and fireworks. Federal agents respond with tear gas, stun grenades and arrests.

But AP's analysis shows many of those arrested do not fit the caricature of an anarchist bent on destruction.

Moments before her arrest, police threw McFerran to the ground, yanking off her mask and binding her wrists in zip ties. She was released after eight hours in jail and faces charges of disorderly conduct and interfering with police.

McFerran, who lives in Seattle, said she started protesting in her city and in Portland almost nightly after realizing she could do more in the fight for racial justice. Until Floyd's killing, McFerran says she was a "tourist protester."

# Fauci optimistic on virus vaccine

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WASHINGTON — Once a coronavirus vaccine is approved as safe and effective, Americans should have widespread access within a reasonable time, Dr. Anthony Fauci assured lawmakers Friday.

Appearing before a House panel investigating the nation's response to the pandemic, Fauci expressed "cautious" optimism that a vaccine would be available, particularly by next year.

"I believe, ultimately, over a period of time in 2021, that Americans will be able to get it," Fauci said, referring to the vaccine.

There will be a priority list for who gets early vaccinations. "I don't think we will have everybody getting it immediately," Fauci explained.

But "ultimately, within a reasonable time, the plans allow for any American who needs the vaccine to get it," he added.

Under direction from the White House, federal health authorities are carrying out a plan dubbed Operation Warp Speed to manufacture 300 million doses of a vaccine on a compressed timeline.

Fauci, the nation's top infectious disease official, said a quarter-million people have expressed interest in taking part in studies of experimental vaccines for the coronavirus.

He said that 250,000 people have registered on a government website to take part in vaccine trials, which are pivotal for establishing safety and effectiveness. Not all patients who volunteer to take part in clinical trials are eligible to participate.

Fauci was joined by Centers for Disease Con-

trol and Prevention head Dr. Robert Redfield and Health and Human Services testing czar Adm. Brett Giroir.

Giroir acknowledged that currently it's not possible for the U.S. to return all coronavirus test results to patients in two to three days. He blamed overwhelming demand across the nation.

Many health experts say that COVID-19 results are almost worthless when delivered after two or three days because by then the window for contact tracing has closed.

The latest government data shows about 75% of testing results are coming back within five days, but the remainder are taking longer, Giroir told lawmakers.

Rapid, widespread testing is critical to containing the coronavirus outbreak, but the U.S. effort has been plagued by supply shortages and backlogs since the earliest days of the outbreak.

At a time when early progress seems to have been lost and uncertainty clouds the nation's path forward, Fauci, Giroir and Redfield are calling on Americans to go back to public health basics such as social distancing and wearing masks.

The panel, the House select subcommittee on the coronavirus crisis, is divided about how to reopen schools and businesses, mirroring divisions among Americans. Committee Chairman Rep. James Clyburn, D-S.C., said the White House must come up with a comprehensive national plan to contain the virus.

Ranking Republican Steve Scalise of Louisiana said the Trump administration has plans already on vaccines, testing, nursing homes and other coronavirus-related issues.

# Bridge: 14th Street pier is next major project

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The project constricted access for businesses over the water downtown, contributing to the closure of Smoked Bones BBQ on Pier 11. But had the city not tackled the project, City Engineer Nathan Crater said, restrictions on traffic could have increased.

The city replaced three bridges at a time — first on odd-numbered streets, then on even-numbered streets — to ensure access to businesses from the other side of the block. The city partnered with the Astoria-Warrenton

Area Chamber of Commerce and the Astoria Downtown Historic District Association, which created signs to direct people around construction and to businesses.

The city also put significant effort into making the modern bridge ends fit the historic waterfront, Estes said. The bridge incorporated colored concrete and metal railings to fit with the weathered surroundings and used board-formed concrete to mimic work on surrounding buildings and metal letters, like those used at the Garden of Surging Waves, embedded

to mark the streets.

In July, the City Council approved a nearly \$289,000 contract to local firm Bergegan Construction to repair and replace parts of a trestle just north of Astoria Brewing Co. near 11th Street. The trestle was not in a right of way covered by the bridge replacement project.

The project is the last step to removing load restrictions around 11th Street, Crater said. Estes described the project as essential to return truck traffic to surrounding businesses along the Astoria Riverwalk.

Regular maintenance proj-

ects will continue along the trestle. The next major project is replacing the 14th Street pier, which has load restrictions for pedestrians walking out to the viewing deck. But funding the project largely depends on how much the city loses in lodging taxes during the pandemic.

"What was going to fund that was Promote Astoria funds, which is room tax dollars," Estes said. "We're going to have to be monitoring room tax receipts to determine whether this is something that we're going to be able to afford."

# Auction: Animal barn will not be open for viewing

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Jack Edwards, the committee's chairman, said this year's auction has been one of the most complicated he's planned. "It was hard since we don't have a fair, but I think the participation is going to be good. We'll find out," he said.

Attendees will be required to complete a health screening and sign a waiver before entering the auction. People will also

have to maintain 6 feet from one another and wear a face covering or mask.

The animals will be sold in the same order as previous years — poultry, goats, sheep, beef, then swine. However, the animal barn will not be open for viewing.

Matt's Custom Meats will be used for animal processing.

Typically, around 250 animals are entered into the auction, but this year there will be just under 100

because of private sales.

The lower number of participants is a good thing for sellers, making it more likely all of the animals will be sold.

"The kids that did their private sales made it to where we have manageable numbers. If we had to have every kid in there we probably wouldn't have been able to do it," Edwards said.

Buyers have been asked to reduce the number of people they bring to the auc-

tion, because one of the government restrictions under phase two is to limit outdoor gatherings to 250 people.

The goal of the Clatsop County Junior Market Auction Association is to help support young people who worked hard preparing their livestock for sale.

After a tough year, Edwards hopes for the best on Saturday. "I just hope buyers show up," he said. "We're going to have animals. We just need buyers."

# County reports new virus case

The Astorian

Clatsop County reported Friday that a woman living in the southern part of the county has tested positive for the coronavirus.

The woman is in her 20s and was reportedly recovering at home.

The county has recorded 74 cases since March 23. Sixty-five have recovered

and the others are convalescing at home, according to the county.

The Oregon Health Authority reported 18,492 cases and 322 deaths from the virus statewide as of Friday morning.

The health authority tracked 3,537 test results in Clatsop County, including 73 of the positive cases.

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