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LAW & JUSTICE

Mayor Calls for Gun Ban

(AP) -- Portland's new mayor, Charlie Hales, says he agrees with other U.S. mayors that military-style assault weapons and high-capacity ammunition magazines should be banned.

Hales held his first news conference as mayor on Monday to back the national campaign. Like his predecessor, Sam Adams, Hales has joined Mayors against Illegal Guns. About 800 mayors belong.

Hales urged the Oregon Legisla-

ture, which convened Monday, to adopt similar laws.

He called them, as he put it, "common sense changes we can make even in a country with the Second Amendment."

The mayor said he doesn't expect to push local gun ordinances because the city has limited authority. He says local measures would be ineffective because the city can't control the behavior of people in surrounding cities.

POLICE BEAT

Robber Grabs Bartender's Throat

A bartender said he was grabbed by the throat and robbed at Mama Son's Lounge, 12510 S.E. Division St., on Monday morning. The suspect was arrested after a police k-9 unit tracked the him to the bathroom of a nearby stamp shop. Police say the victim received minor injuries and was treated by medical personnel at the scene.



Marcel Mitchell Bryant



Hoseah Jeremiah Chambers

Two Arrested in Pedestrian Robbery

The Portland Police Bureau's Gun Task Force and the Gang Enforcement Team lead police to arrest two men for robbing a pedestrian at gunpoint on Dec. 20 near Southeast Grand Avenue and Oak Street. Hoseah Jeremiah Chambers, 22, and Marcel Mitchell Bryant, 21 are charged with robbery, coercion, and unlawful use of a weapon. Police also recovered a gun from Bryant.

Men Carry Rifles in Public, Legally

Two men carrying assault rifles on their backs in the Sellwood neighborhood alarmed several on-lookers, but police remind the public that openly carrying a firearm is legal in Oregon and carrying a concealed firearm is legal with a valid Concealed Handgun License. Officers contacted the armed men in the area of Southeast Seventh Avenue and Spokane Street. The men, both age 22, told police that they were exercising their 2nd Amendment rights and hoping to educate the public.

Officers explained to the armed men that carrying the guns in public would likely continue to generate 9-1-1 calls from an alarmed public, which would require a police response and possibly tie up resources that are needed elsewhere to respond to true emergencies.

However, neither man seemed interested in these concerns, said police in a report.

The Portland Police Bureau asks that members of the public who see people armed with guns to immediately call 9-1-1.

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