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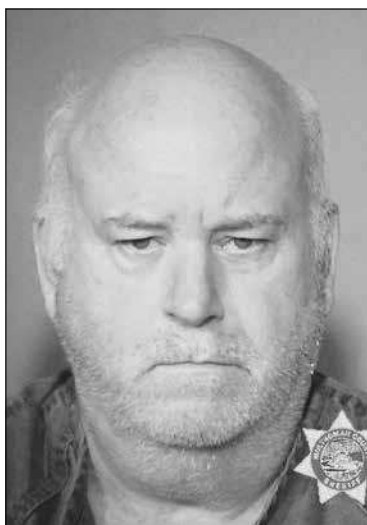
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Greg Phillip Porter (left) in a police mug shot charged with three counts of attempted murder, and the clothing left behind on a sidewalk (right) in a scene outside of Portland State University on Friday after three pedestrians were hit in what looked like an intentional act.

Sidewalk Attack

Motorist arraigned for attempted murder

A driver accused of ramming three women walking on a sidewalk Friday at Portland State University in downtown Portland, critically injuring one of them, before speeding away and getting arrested within hours of the crash, was due for arraignment on multiple charges Tuesday.

Greg Phillip Porter, 61, faces three counts each of attempted murder, assault, reckless driving and failure to perform the duties of a driver.

Witness Christopher Bond said

he was standing on the sidewalk when he saw the SUV hit at least two women. He estimated it was traveling about 45 mph.

Bond said he turned to help, and the driver "gunned it," nearly hitting him.

Kat Caputo was talking to a friend by the light-rail station when she heard a commotion and turned around. She saw two women lying on the sidewalk and another leaning against a brick wall. Others were shouting that a car had jumped the curb, struck the women and sped

away. "I'm still kind of in shock. If I were two minutes later, that would have been me, or if I had just walked that normal route, that would have been me," Caputo said. "A lot of people were crying."

The crash stunned the city on the Friday before Memorial Day and the anniversary of a racist attack on Max light rail last year in which two men were stabbed to death when they confronted a passenger who was spewing hateful comments at two teenage girls of color.



PHOTO BY DANA LYNN BARBER/THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

Imam Muhammad A. Najieb (at podium) joins other faith based leaders at Augustana Lutheran Church in northeast Portland Thursday to give an update on a public safety campaign to ban the sale of assault weapons and large capacity magazines in Oregon.

Countdown for Signatures

Assault weapons ban effort gets July 6 deadline

BY DANA LYNN BARBAR
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Interfaith leaders of the Measure 43 campaign, an initiative petition to promote public safety

in Oregon by banning the sale of assault weapons and large capacity magazines, held a press conference Thursday to announce the next steps needed to reach

the Nov. 6 General Election ballot.

Rev. W. J. Mark Knutson,

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