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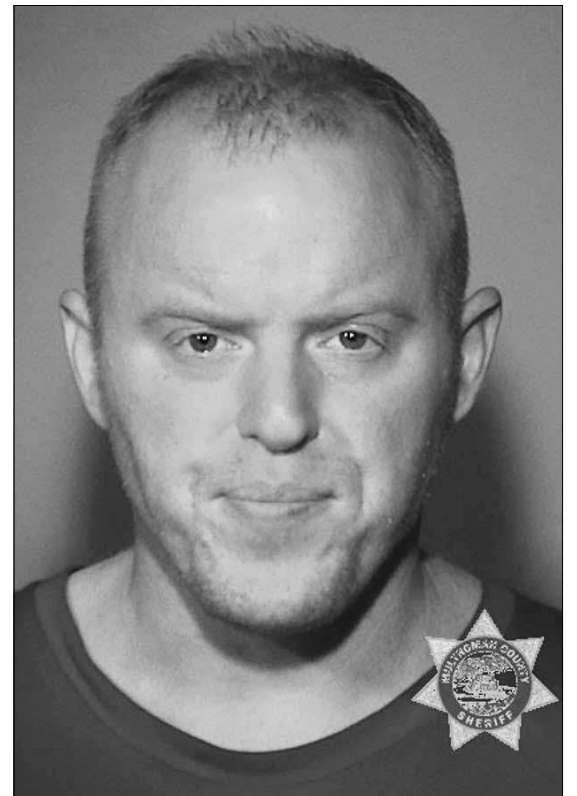
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A police booking photo of Justin C. Venable (left) after his arrest Monday for menacing others with a metal rod and another picture shows him as a suspect in one of the attacks.

## Menacing Behavior Arrest

### Man accused of poking strangers with metal rod

A man was arrested Monday after he allegedly used a metal rod to poke strangers in southeast Portland over the weekend.

Justin C. Venable, 37, is being held in Multnomah County Detention Center on harassment charges after being located Monday evening by Portland police near Southeast 35th and Main Street. A metal rod that was in his possession was confiscated, police said.

It's unclear what motive was behind the pokes. Venable's mother and brother told KOIN-TV he's schizophrenic and has been off his medications for the last two years, but has never been violent before.

Earlier Monday police released a photo of the suspect, rod-in-hand, taken by one of his alleged victims. A call later that evening by someone who spotted Venable led to police finding and apprehending him, authorities said.

Four poking incidents were reported to have occurred from Saturday through Monday at various times, by multiple people, all around Southeast Hawthorne Boulevard. None of the victims were seriously injured.

## Man Dies after Campus Police Struggle

### Authorities blame death on unidentified medical condition

Authorities are investigating the death of a man who was restrained by both Portland State University and city of Portland police on Thanksgiving Day and died in the hospital shortly later.

Authorities said Richard A. Barry, 52, got into a struggle with PSU police who were responding to a report of a man yelling and running in the streets. In total, six officers became involved, two from the Portland Police Bureau and four from PSU as they tried to restrain

Barry, officials said. He later died after being transported to the hospital from "an unidentified medical condition," police said.

It was the second officer-involved death involving PSU campus police this year, the first being the officer involved shooting death of Jason Washington outside the Cheerful Tortoise near the campus in June.

All the officers in this latest case were placed on administrative leave pending investigations. The official cause of Barry's death will get released when the reviews are completed, police said.

Officials said Portland Police will conduct an internal investigation of the incident, with cooperation from PSU, and the Multnomah County District Attorney will oversee the case.