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The Portland Police Bureau released images of three suspects wanted for robbery and assault in connection to violent protests in Portland on Saturday.

Violent Street Protests

Police call for public's help after mayhem

The Portland Police Bureau asked for the public's help Monday in investigating violent assaults from competing demonstrations that spilled into the streets of downtown Portland on Saturday, with fights breaking out in places as marchers clashed.

At least three groups had planned rallies or demonstrations at different sites in the city, including members of the right wing Proud Boys and left wing anti-fascist groups that include "antifa."

The fights occurred when participants of the opposing groups met.

The Portland Police Bureau said three people were arrested Saturday on assault and harassment charges in connection with the protests. Police said medics treated eight people, including three police officers, at the scene. Three people were taken to hospitals after they were attacked, police said.

Andy Ngo, who describes himself as an editor at the conservative website Quillette, said on his Twitter feed that he was attacked by anti-fascist protesters and had to be taken to the hospital to treat injuries to his face and head. Ngo also said the attackers took his

camera equipment.

Protesters also clashed with police, throwing water bottles and eggs at officers. Police responded with the use of pepper spray. In separate social media posts, police declared the situation to be a civil disturbance and warned participants faced arrest.

The bureau also said that it has received reports that milkshakes that were thrown by protesters contained quick-drying cement, an observance one officer claimed from seeing a shake with what looked like and smelled of powder added, along with a recipe that was shared on social media for making a toxic shake, but no physical evidence was offered.



PHOTO BY DANNY PETERSON/THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

Portland Water Bureau crews examine a broken 30-inch cast iron pipe that had burst beneath Northeast Skidmore Street, between 23rd and 24th Avenues, last March 26, flooding basements. Last week, the city council agreed to pay for the damages caused by the break.

City to Pay Flood Damages

The Portland City Council voted last week to help neighbors with legitimate claims related to a major water main break that occurred at Northeast 23rd and Skidmore Street last March 26, flooding a wall of water into adjacent streets.

The deadline to file a claim for those potentially affected by the

break is July 15. Residents who previously submitted a claim do not need to re-apply, officials said.

The cause of the pipe failure remains unknown. It was built in 1915 with a useful life of 200 years, officials said.

"This was a very rare and isolated incident," said Water Bureau

Director Mike Stuhr.

City Commercial Amanda Fritz said while the city found there was no negligence by the Water Bureau and the city was not responsible for damages, she and Mayor Ted Wheeler agreed that the city had a moral responsibility to compensate.