

Tensions Ease after Protests

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States Center, a racial, gender and economic justice group, said the right wing rally was a bust.

“Portland won today, and far-right leaders like Joey Gibson and Joe Biggs lost,” Ward said in a statement.

In an interview, Ward said Biggs’ groups cut short a planned five-hour rally after only one hour and left.

“The white nationalist, alt-right coalition that came to Portland was denied what they sought to create, which were large-scale civil disturbances,” Ward said.

While antifa protesters get a lot of attention, Ward said there were many others who came out to oppose the right-wing groups. He also praised police and city officials for their actions.

“What I saw yesterday was the first step in Portland really putting together a citywide response,” he said.

Mayor Wheeler said at a Satur-



A man tussles with protesters against right-wing demonstrators following an “End Domestic Terrorism” rally in Portland Saturday.

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day evening news conference that Biggs and anyone espousing hate or violence was not welcome.

“We do not want him here in my city. Period,” Wheeler said.

The mayor said Portland was targeted by “a rising white nationalist movement” and a growing sense of fear in the country, and that because Portland was a progressive community, it would always be at or near ground zero of the battle.

More than two dozen local, state and federal law enforcement

agencies, including the FBI, were in the city on Saturday to help keep the peace.

As of early afternoon, most of the right-wing groups had left the area. But hundreds of people remained downtown and on nearby streets, and there were tense skirmishes—of which some drew blood—mostly between antifa protesters and right-wing rallyers, throughout the day.

Joey Gibson, the Vancouver-based right-wing Patriot Prayers founder was also present

at the Saturday rally, one day after facing a felony riot charge for an incident on May 1 in Portland.

Gibson, who organized similar rallies in 2017 and 2018 that erupted in clashes, appeared in court on Monday and vowed to fight the charge.

Western States Center Deputy Director Amy Herzfeld-Copple called the charges against Gibson and his co-conspirators “welcome, if overdue.”

--Associated Press contributed to this story.

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Altered Mug Shot before Judge

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and right cheek, and though police suspected Allen of being involved in four bank and credit union heists, none of the tellers said the man who robbed them had tattoos on his face.

The digitally altered photo of Allen without the tattoos was presented by police to the bank tellers for identification with the photos of five other, similar looking men. The witnesses were not told about the photo adjustment made, but some of them picked out Allen nevertheless.

Jules Epstein, a law professor at Temple University and leading national authority on eyewitness testimony said in his 40 years as a lawyer and law professor, he had never seen such a blatantly suggestive example of a photo lineup, a standard law enforcement tool that is under ongoing scrutiny.

Epstein also said police were “increasing the risk of mistaken identity” by their actions.

Allen’s defense attorney Mark Ahlemeyer argued that the judge should throw out the positive witness identification of his client, claiming police altered the photo to remove the facial tattoos so Allen could more closely resemble surveillance images and eyewitness descriptions of the thief.

A still image from bank surveil-

lance footage shows the suspect in question wearing a baseball cap and black-rimmed glasses, but no facial tattoos.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Paul Maloney argued the photo manipulation was done “to make Mr. Allen blend in—so his photo wouldn’t stand out,” adding police’s actions were “prudent” and “appropriate.”

Detective Brett Hawkinson was the officer who gave the orders to remove the tattoos in the image and he testified such action is considered “standard practice among investigators,” though no protocols exist to instruct Portland police to alter photographs and no documentation of the alteration was recorded, beyond the photo itself. He added that Allen could have used makeup to cover the tattoos in the commission of a crime.

Portland police’s failure to document the photo changes and reasons for doing so goes against federal guidelines when it comes to adopted standard protocols of how to handle photo arrays to lower the chance of influencing a witness, even unintentionally, the Oregonian reported.

U.S. District Judge Marco A Hernandez said he plans to issue a written ruling soon, which could set a precedent on police practices for future cases in Oregon and the beyond.

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