

New Case Against 'TriMet' Abuser

Follows attack on Emanuel hospital employee



Jared Walter

A Portland man who was banned from TriMet after dozens of sex crimes now faces four new charges stemming from a sexual attack against an employee at Emanuel Hospital in north Portland.

Jared Walter, 33, was arrested last Wednesday a few hours after police were called to the hospital to investigate. He is accused of following the female worker and reaching his hand past her skirt towards her buttocks. The woman also reported finding a substance he left on her clothing and in her hair that appeared to be a bodily fluid, according to court documents.

Walter has been convicted,

charged or implicated in dozens of prior incident where touched women's hair or made offensive physical and sexual contact, incidents that led him to be called "The TriMet Barber."

Police located and arrested Walter in downtown Portland a few hours after investigating the latest case. When contacted by police, he admitted to being at Legacy Emanuel Medical Center that day, according to court documents.



An artist's rendering shows a new courtyard and buildings for the future De La Salle North Catholic High School at St. Charles Parish in the Cully Neighborhood near Northeast 42nd and Killingsworth. The former St. Charles School is on the right and proposed new buildings for the high school are on the left.

De La Salle Updates Plans

Catholic high school raising capital for move

De La Salle North Catholic High School opened in the former Kenton Elementary School in north Portland in 2001 to provide a rigorous, faith-based education to diverse students from the Portland area who would not otherwise have access to a reliable college-preparatory education.

After losing its lease from Portland Public Schools, the pri-

private school is updating its plans to build a permanent home at St. Charles Parish near the corner of Northeast 42nd and Killingsworth. It has hired Bora Architects to design the new school and has announced a capital campaign which has raised about 83 percent of its goal of \$21.7 million to make the move possible.

The new school will include state-of-the-art science labs, a visual arts center and a high school competition size gym.

De La Salle North doesn't look like most Portland-area private schools: 39% of its enrollment is Hispanic, 34% is African Amer-

ican, and 11% is multiracial; just 7% is Caucasian. It has been identified as Oregon's most diverse private school. Additionally, 92% of students receive financial aid, and 71% of students qualify for the Federal Free and/or Reduced Lunch Program.

Yet an average of 98% of graduating seniors at De La Salle North have been accepted to college, more than two times the rate of peers with similar backgrounds and demographics. In 2019, 100% of the graduating class was accepted to college, with 74% receiving merit-based scholarships that totaled over \$5.8 million.

The Week in Review

Washington Ballots in Mail

Official ballots for the March 10 presidential primary in Washington have gone out to all registered voters in Vancouver and Clark County. A voters' guide and sample ballot is available online at clarkvotes.org.



Womxn's Rally and March

Hundreds gathered downtown Sunday for the annual "Womxn's Rally and March For Our Future." Diverse organizers promoted the event as a way to build social, political, organizational and economic power.



Bloody Sunday March

Civil rights icon and US Democratic Rep. John Lewis of Georgia made a surprise appearance Sunday at this year's "Bloody Sunday" commemorative march in Selma, Ala. where he delivered an impassioned plea to voters to use the ballot box as "a nonviolent instrument or tool to redeem the soul of America."

Lewis, who had his skull broken by white police officers during the 1965 march across the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, was diagnosed with stage 4 pancreatic cancer in December.

Clash with Hardesty

A city parks employee was reported under investigation last week for allegedly harassing City Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty during a Feb. 29 rally by right-wing protesters, downtown. Mayor Ted Wheeler described it as "disturbing" and said the investigation would check whether any policies were violated.

Vote for Homeless Services

Regional government Metro voted last week to refer a roughly \$250 million-a-year measure for homeless services to the May ballot. If approved by voters, it would raise taxes on the wealthiest 10 percent of households in the three-county Portland region, as well as hike taxes on big businesses.

Lynching Crime Bill Passes

A bill to make lynching a hate crime under federal law passed the House last week and is poised to make its way through Congress after more than 120 years of failed attempts. The Emmett Till Anti-lynching Act is an ode to the 14-year-old who was kidnapped, beaten and lynched in 1955 after he was accused of whistling at a white woman.

Deaths by Extremists

Right-wing extremists, including white supremacists, were responsible for the majority of extremist-related murders in the U.S. last year, according to data collected by the anti-hate advocacy group Anti-Defamation League. It follows a disturbing 10 year trend, according to the group.



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