

Muslim Center Arson Arrest



Surveillance cameras show the suspect who used an accelerant on May 3 to start a fire at the Muslim Community Center of Portland, located at 5325 N Vancouver Ave. Four days later police arrested the man and identified him as Michael E. Bivins, 34, of Portland; also charging him with recent attacks at two synagogues in Portland.

Man also charged with attacking two synagogues

Portland police have arrested a man who used an accelerant to start a fire at the Muslim Community Center of Portland, also charging him with recent acts of arson and vandalism at two synagogues and a black-owned restaurant in the city.

Michael E. Bivins, 34, of Portland was lodged Saturday, May 7, into the Multnomah County Detention Center for the May 3 arson at the Muslim Community Center, located at 5325 N. Vancouver Ave. On Tuesday

he was arraigned for arson, bias crimes and other charges for acts of criminal mischief on April 30 at Congregation Shir Takvage, 2420 N.E. Sandy Blvd.; for breaking a window at Everybody Eats PDX on May 1, and for May 2 and May 4 vandalism at Congregation Beth Israel, 1972 N.W. Flanders.

Fortunately, there was only limited damage in each of the cases and no injuries.

Police said Bivins was arrested with the assistance of the Beaverton Police Department after he visited a television news station where he demanded to speak to a reporter.

Bivins attended Benson High School as a student and has worked as a free lance photographer and journalist in the past.

Racism, Conspiracies Fueled Massacre

10 Blacklives lost on a trip to the store

(AP) — They were caregivers and protectors and helpers, running an errand or doing a favor or finishing out a shift, when their paths crossed with a young man driven by racism and hatred and baseless conspiracy theories.

In a flash, the ordinariness of their day was broken at Tops Friendly Market in Buffalo, N.Y., where in and around the supermarket's aisles, a symbol of the mundane was transformed into a scene of mass murder.

Carts lay abandoned. Bodies littered the tile floor. Police radios crackled with calls for help.

Investigators will try, for days to come, to piece together the massacre that killed 10 people, all Black and apparently hunted for the color of their skin.

Those who loved them are left with their memories of the lost, who suffered death amid the simple task of buying groceries.

“These people were just



Wayne Jones holds his son Donell, while speaking during an interview with *The Associated Press* about his mother Celestine Chaney, who was killed in Saturday's shooting at a supermarket, in Buffalo, N.Y. (AP photo)

shopping,” said Steve Carlson, 29, mourning his 72-year-old neighbor Katherine Massey, who checked in often, giving him gifts on his birthday and at Christmas, and pressing money into his hand when he helped with yardwork. “They went to go get food to feed their families.”

One came from volunteering at a food bank. Another had been tending to her husband at his nursing home. Most were in their 50s and beyond, and were

destined for more, even if just the dinner they planned to make.

Shonnell Harris, a manager at the store, was stocking shelves when she heard the first of what she figured must have been more than 70 shots. She ran for the back door, stumbling a few times along the way. She wondered where her daughter, a grocery clerk, was, and went

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