

Lawsuit Filed Against Portland Public Schools

Family of assaulted student files \$1.18 million lawsuit against PPS

A lawsuit against Portland's public schools was filed last Friday following the assault of a Grant High School student earlier this year.

The lawsuit alleges that on January 4, 2022, a student was assaulted by two other students in the middle of the school day. Court documents state that the victim was sitting in a booth in Grant's lower commons area charging their phone when the two students approached and began verbally harassing the victim. Things escalated when the two students allegedly began physically assaulting the victim, ending with the victim on the floor still being attacked by the students. Court records show the victim sustained multiple injuries during the attack, including bruises to the head and persistent shoulder pain, which necessitated sustained physical injury.



Grant High School located in Portland, Oregon

Allegedly, a staff member saw the assault happening and did nothing to intervene.

According to the suit, PPS allowed the students to return back to school a few days after the incident, without telling the victim, leading to the victim obtaining a temporary Stalking Protective

Order against the two students. PPS allegedly did move the two students to a new school until a month after the incident. The victim also transferred schools, with the lawsuit stating this was due to a loss of trust in Grant High School. They also allege emotional damage, including in-

creased fear over escalations by the students who were allowed back to campus, embarrassment and loss of self-worth.

The assault was captured on several security cameras, but according to the lawsuit, PPS failed to preserve the original footage so the only footage that

remains is cell phone footage of the security camera recorded by the Vice Principal.

The victim, a minor represented by their guardian, is suing PPS for negligence and intentional infliction of emotional distress. The lawsuit is asking for a total of \$1.18 million in relief.

Raising Awareness About Challenges Faced by Veterans

Washington County to participate in "Operation Green Light" in support of local veterans

In honor of the upcoming Veterans Day holiday, Washington County will participate in Operation Green Light, illuminating green the courthouse and Juvenile Services Building in downtown Hillsboro from November 7-13. This new national initiative of the National Association of Counties aims to support military veterans, raise awareness about the unique challenges faced by many veterans, and make known the resources available at the county, state and federal level to assist veterans and their families.

"We want to make sure our veterans and their families know that their service mattered, that we are grateful for their sacrifices," said Vicki Horn, Veteran



Green lights, light up the county for veterans

Services supervisor with Washington County Disability, Aging and Veteran Services (DAVS). "It is our duty to make sure they are served by their county government and our community."

Community members are encouraged to participate by simply changing one light bulb in their home or business to a green bulb. This can be an exterior light that neighbors and passersby see, or

an interior light that sparks a conversation with visitors.

DAVS has a limited supply of green light bulbs available to the public. The office is located at 5240 NE Elam Young Parkway, Suite 300, in Hillsboro and is open weekdays from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. American Legion and VFW posts will be handing out green bulbs at local poppy flower tables. Community members can

also buy green bulbs at local hardware stores or online.

"Operation Green Light draws much needed attention to the challenges veterans face, particularly as they leave active service and return to civilian life," Horn said. "By shining a green light, we let our county's 33,000 veterans know they are seen, appreciated and supported."

While this event is focused

around the week of Veterans Day, community members are encouraged to continue shining the light year-round and to share their participation on social media using the hashtag #OperationGreenLight. Visit www.WashingtonCountyOr.gov/DAVS or call 503-846-3060 for more information on services available to veterans and their families.