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Jeremy Joseph Christian shouts as he is arraigned in Multnomah County Circuit Court in Portland Tuesday. Authorities say Christian started verbally abusing two young women, including one wearing a hijab. When three men on the train intervened, police say, Christian attacked them, killing two and wounding one.

Unease about white supremacy grows after Portland stabbings

Christian defiant during Tuesday court appearance

By **GILLIAN FLACCUS**
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Associated Press

PORTLAND — Unease about white supremacist activity in Portland deepened after the fatal stabbings of two men who tried to shield young women from an anti-Muslim tirade, and some people worry that the famously tolerant community could see a resurgence of the hostilities that once earned it the

nickname “Skinhead City.”

The attack aboard a light-rail train happened Friday, the first day of Ramadan, the holiest time of the year for Muslims. Authorities say Jeremy Joseph Christian started verbally abusing two young women, including one wearing a hijab. When three men on the train intervened, police say, Christian attacked them, killing two and wounding one.

Court documents released Tuesday for the first time mentioned a fourth man

who was the first to intervene and was not attacked, but they did not identify him by his full name.

Christian, 35, was defiant during his brief initial court appearance Tuesday, shouting: “You call it terrorism, I call it patriotism!”

He made repeated outbursts, saying, “You’ve got no safe place!” and “Death to the enemies of America!”

Christian, who faces aggravated murder and other charges, didn’t enter a

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Staff photo by E.J. Harris

Chris Christensen uses a saw to cut lumber while working on the Speakeasy Clothing Co. on Tuesday in Pendleton.

Business is blooming

Three Pendleton businesses plan expansion with new buildings

East Oregonian

When three Pendleton central commercial district businesses needed more space, they didn’t look far to find it.

Two turned to storefronts across from one another at the intersection of Southwest Court Avenue and 10th Street. Both sites were busy with renovations Tuesday, as Speakeasy

Salon & Boutique and Robert Alan Pratt’s dentistry practice look to expand in June.

Pratt’s practice will move to 916 S.W. Court Ave., a long-vacant building that previously housed an insurance agency and a 7-Eleven.

Ruth Pratt, the dentist’s wife, said the office needed

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Pendleton Veterinary Clinic owner Fiona Hillenbrand, center in the white lab coat, her staff and the Pendleton Chamber of Commerce ambassadors ceremonially broke ground at the site of the future clinic on Southwest Emigrant Avenue Tuesday.

Staff photo by Antonio Sierra

PENDLETON Lybrand faces sex crimes, witness tampering

New charges prevent release from jail

By **PHIL WRIGHT**
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Downtown Pendleton business owner Jason Lybrand was due to get out of jail Tuesday for violating his drug probation. But charges of sex crimes are keeping him behind bars.

Oregon State Police on Tuesday arrested Lybrand at the Umatilla County Jail, Pendleton, on the following

charges: second-degree sexual abuse; two counts of contributing to the sex delinquency of a minor; two counts of sexual misconduct; two counts of witness tampering; and one count of using a minor to manufacture or deliver marijuana.

Umatilla County Circuit Court records show the district attorney’s office brought initial charges against Lybrand of one count of second-degree sexual abuse and two counts of witness tampering, all class C felonies.

According to the charges, the state accused Lybrand of having sexual intercourse with the underage victim between Jan. 5 and May 17, although she could not consent, and on May 23 he sought to have the same victim either lie as a witness or not testify against him at all.

Lybrand has been in the Umatilla County Jail since May 17, when the Blue Mountain Enforcement Narcotics Team served three search warrants in Pendleton, including at Lybrand’s business, Wicked Kitty Tattoo and Piercing, 132 S. Main St., Pendleton. Police arrested Lybrand for violating his probation for drug crimes, which he started serving in early April.

He was in court May 24 to answer to the probation violation.

Chuck Byram, lieutenant with Pendleton police, testified at the hearing and said he was part of the team that served the search warrant. In addition to finding drug evidence and ammunition, Byram said there was a 17-year-old girl at the business.

Circuit Judge Jon Lieuallen set Lybrand’s bail at \$250,000. Lybrand has his next hearing in the new case June 6, where he likely will face charges stemming from a grand jury indictment.

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Lybrand



Pilot Rock headed to state

Pilot Rock’s Rhyanne Oates celebrates after crossing home plate during Tuesday’s state semifinal 2A/1A softball game against Union/Cove. The Rockets beat the Bobcats 4-3 in extra innings and will advance to the state championship game against North Douglas on Friday.

For more on the game and coverage of Stanfield and Pendleton’s semifinal games see SPORTS 1B.

Staff photo by Kathy Aney

