

## LOCAL, STATE &amp; REGION

## PORTLAND

## Man indicted in statue toppling

Associated Press

PORTLAND — A grand jury has indicted a man in the toppling of a Theodore Roosevelt statue in Portland by protesters last year.

Brandon Bartells was charged with riot and first-degree criminal mischief. The statue was pulled down along with Abraham Lincoln's statue by about 200 protesters in an Oct. 11 event promoted as an "Indigenous Peoples Day of Rage." The crowd threw chains or ropes on the bronze Roosevelt statue as others took a blowtorch to its base and splattered it with red paint.

During the event, Bartells was arrested on accusations of damaging the Roosevelt statue and later released on his own recognizance. He was found driving a white van suspected of pulling down the statue, police and prosecutors said.

The grand jury found over \$10,000 in damages to Portland city property. The state will seek a greater sentence because of that and Bartell's failure to appear to a previous



Protesters toppled statues of former presidents Theodore Roosevelt and Abraham Lincoln in Portland's South Park Block in October.

Sean Meagher/The Oregonian file

hearing, according to court documents.

Bartells said previously he also was "detained" with other protesters in Kenosha, Wis-

consin, in August. Bartells was one of more than 60 people cited and accused of violating a curfew in effect after protests erupted over the police shoot-

ing of Jacob Blake, a 29-year-old Black man.

It wasn't immediately known if Bartells has a lawyer to comment.

## Police: Protesters had bear spray, hammers

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PORTLAND — Officers found a crowbar, hammers, bear spray and firearms after they corralled a group of about 100 protesters, Portland Police said Saturday.

In a news release, the police bureau said officers surrounded the protesters about 15 minutes after the march began Friday night in the city's Pearl District at 9 p.m. because some began smashing windows.

The department said it warned the crowd that failure to comply with lawful orders could result in arrest and exposure to tear gas, and it invited news reporters, legal observers and anyone with medical conditions to leave the enclosed area.

Those who left were identified and photographed as part of an investigation, police said. Others locked arms and refused; officers escorted them away and arrested them, including a suspect in the earlier window vandalism, officers said.

Some of the protesters also confronted the police, throwing rocks and full cans of beer, the department said. Officers used pepper spray.

Among the items left behind by the protesters were crowbar, hammers, bear spray, knives and what the department described as a "slugging weapon with rocks."

Thirteen people are facing charges from the protest, including disorderly conduct, resisting arrest and interfering with police.

## TODAY

It's Sunday, March 14, the 73rd day of 2021. There are 292 days left in the year.

## Today's Highlight in History:

In 1964, a jury in Dallas found Jack Ruby guilty of murdering Lee Harvey Oswald, the accused assassin of President John F. Kennedy, and sentenced him to death. The conviction and death sentence were overturned, but Ruby died before he could be retried.

In 1794, Eli Whitney received a patent for his cotton gin, an invention that revolutionized America's cotton industry.

In 1883, German political philosopher Karl Marx died in London at 64.

In 1900, Congress ratified the Gold Standard Act.

In 1951, during the Korean War, United Nations forces recaptured Seoul.

In 1962, Democrat Edward M. Kennedy officially launched in Boston his successful candidacy for the U.S. Senate seat from Massachusetts once held by his brother, President John F. Kennedy. Edward Kennedy served in the Senate for nearly 47 years.

In 1965, Israel's cabinet formally approved establishment of diplomatic relations with West Germany.

In 1967, the body of President John F. Kennedy was moved from a temporary grave to a permanent memorial site at Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia.

In 1980, a LOT Polish Airlines jet crashed while attempting to land in Warsaw, killing all 87 people aboard, including 22 members of a U.S. amateur boxing team.

In 1990, the Soviet Congress of People's Deputies held a secret ballot that elected Mikhail S. Gorbachev to a new, powerful presidency.

In 1991, a British court overturned the convictions of the "Birmingham Six," who had spent 16 years in prison for a 1974 Irish Republican Army bombing, and ordered them released.

In 2001, inspectors tightened U.S. defenses against foot-and-mouth disease a day after a case was confirmed in France.

In 2015, Robert Durst, a wealthy eccentric linked to two killings and his wife's disappearance, was arrested by the FBI in New Orleans on a murder warrant a day before

HBO aired the final episode of a serial documentary about his life. Durst's murder trial in Los Angeles was paused in July 2020 because of the coronavirus; it has yet to resume.

**Ten years ago:** Neil Diamond, Alice Cooper, Tom Waits, Darlene Love, Dr. John and Leon Russell were inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. Olympic champion Evan Lysacek won the 2010 Sullivan Award, becoming the fourth figure skater to be honored as the top amateur athlete in the United States.

**Five years ago:** The Senate voted 49-40 to confirm John B. King Jr. as the nation's education secretary; King had been serving as acting secretary since Arne Duncan stepped down in Dec. 2015.

**One year ago:** The number of U.S. deaths from the coronavirus climbed past 50. President Donald Trump expanded a ban on travel from European countries, adding Britain and Ireland to the list. About 3,000 Americans returning from Europe were stuck for hours in the customs area at O'Hare International Airport in Chicago, violating social distancing recommendations; they were screened for coronavirus symptoms before they were allowed to leave the airport.

**Today's Birthdays:** Former astronaut Frank Borman is 93. Actor Michael Caine is 88. Composer-conductor Quincy Jones is 88. Actor Raymond J. Barry is 82. Movie director Wolfgang Petersen is 80. Comedian Billy Crystal is 73. Actor-writer-comedian-radio personality Rick Dees is 70. Actor Adrian Zmed is 67. Prince Albert II, the ruler of Monaco, is 63. Actor Laila Robins is 62. Actor Penny Johnson Jerald is 61. Producer-director-writer Kevin Williamson is 56. Actor Elise Neal is 55. Actor Megan Follows is 53. Rock musician Michael Bland is 52. Actor Betsy Brandt is 48. Actor Grace Park is 47. Actor Daniel Gillies is 45. Actor Corey Stoll is 45. Actor Jake Fogelnest is 42. Actor Chris Klein is 42. Actor Ryan Cartwright (TV: "Kevin Can Wait") is 40. Actor Kate Maberly is 39. Singer-musician Taylor Hanson is 38. Actor Jamie Bell is 35. Rock musician Este Haim (Haim) is 35. NBA star Stephen Curry is 33. Actor Ansel Elgort is 27. Olympic gold medal gymnast Simone Biles is 24.

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