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### **MAN RECEIVES 120 DAY JAIL SENTENCE FOR SEXUALLY ABUSING WOMAN STUDYING AT LIBRARY**

Today, Multnomah County District Attorney Rod Underhill announced that Kevin Taylor, 55, received a 120 day jail sentence after being convicted of one count of sexual abuse in the third degree following an incident at the Cascade Campus of Portland Community College (PCC).

During the trial, the Multnomah County District Attorney's Office presented evidence that showed on November 1, 2016, a woman reported that she was inside the PCC library when an unknown man sat next to her. The man leaned back in his chair, spread his legs wide and then scooted closer to the woman. He extended his leg under the victim's chair. This caused his leg to touch hers. The woman proceeded to move away from the defendant.

"Evidence at trial showed that the defendant, Mr. Taylor, then moved closer to the woman and touched her left thigh on top of her clothing," said Multnomah County Deputy District Attorney Ryan Solomon, who prosecuted the case. "The defendant then moved his hand to cover an intimate part of her lower body. The woman, understandably distressed, stood up, quickly shut her books and told the defendant to leave her alone."

During the investigation, officials from PCC and the Portland Police Bureau worked closely to identify the suspect.

"The Multnomah County District Attorney's Office would like to commend the work of the Public Safety officers at Portland Community College and Portland Police Bureau Detective Michael Bledsoe who handled this investigation. Detective Bledsoe was able to obtain a search warrant for the cell phone tower history of the defendant's cell phone activity. The evidence from that data, which was presented at trial, showed the defendant's cell phone as being in close proximity to the PCC library at the time of the offense and then leave the area shortly thereafter."

[Derrick Foxworth, Director of Public Safety at Portland Community College](#), said Taylor was not a PCC student.

"When we learned of this incident, PCC Public Safety reviewed surveillance video that showed Mr. Taylor went to the second floor of the Cascade Campus library and attempted to stretch out and inappropriately touch a female, but was unsuccessful," Foxworth said. "Our video then shows him going to the first floor where he engaged in similar behavior and was in the area when a female student reported she was inappropriately touched. That student then notified our office."

"This successful conviction highlights the good work done by Public Safety personnel in responding to reported incidents on campus, properly preserving evidence and maintaining good working relationships with local law enforcement and the District Attorney's office," Foxworth said. "This case also demonstrated the important coordination between Public Safety and the Office of Equity & Inclusion and the Dean of Student Development Office at Cascade Campus."

Multnomah County Circuit Court Judge Benjamin Souede presided over the defendant's trial and sentencing.

As part of the sentence imposed by Judge Souede, the defendant will be on five years of formal probation. Taylor must turn himself into the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office no later than August 1, 2018 to start his jail sentence. The defendant will have to serve 90 days of the 120 day jail sentence up front. If the defendant does not complete the 160 hours of court-imposed community service by June 13, 2020, he will be ordered to serve the remaining 30 days of his jail sentence. The defendant was also ordered not to have any contact with the victim. He will not be allowed to enter any PCC building or be on any PCC campus during the time of his probation. Taylor will have to register as a sex offender and participate in a mental health evaluation and treatment, if recommended by his probation officer. Additionally, the court ordered that the defendant undergo a psychosexual evaluation and receive any treatment if warranted.

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