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**District Attorney Mike Schmidt announces 48-month prison sentence following random, unprovoked assault**

PORTLAND, Ore. – Today, Multnomah County District Attorney Mike Schmidt announced that 24-year-old Lavon Marquise Edlin received a 48-month prison sentence for randomly attacking a person in the Buckman Neighborhood.

Multnomah County Deputy District Attorney Kevin Demer prosecuted this case.

Edlin pleaded guilty to one count of attempted assault in the second degree after trying to cause serious physical injury to a person on September 16, 2020.

This was a random and unprovoked assault. The victim was standing near a parking meter machine near Southeast Grand Avenue and Southeast Stark Street when Edlin approached from behind on a skateboard and violently shoved the victim to the ground.

The assault resulted in a clavicle fracture, multiple lacerations and nearly two dozen medical appointments for treatment and rehabilitation for the victim.

***“Mr. Edlin was caught nearly three months after this senseless and violent attack. He has been held accountable and the community is safer due to the focused investigative efforts of several Portland Police patrol officers. From the day of the assault until he was arrested, they never gave up,” said Multnomah County Deputy District Attorney Kevin Demer.***

The Multnomah County District Attorney’s Office recognizes Portland Police Officers Jennifer Pierce, Laurent Bonczijk, Matt Schroeder and Matt Jacobsen for their dedicated work on this case. We also thank Multnomah County District Attorney Victim Advocate Vanessa Palacios.

This case was prosecuted by the Multnomah County District Attorney’s Strategic Prosecution and Services Unit, which reviews cases that stem from neighborhood-specific concerns. The unit is primarily responsible for interfacing with the community over specific issues, and handles all types of cases across the criminal justice spectrum to include misdemeanors and homicides.

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