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PORTLAND MAN CHARGED WITH CIVIL DISORDER AFTER TARGETING POLICE OFFICERS WITH HIGH-POWERED LASER

PORTLAND, Ore.—Hugo Ryan Berteau-Pavy, 26, of Portland, has been charged by criminal complaint with civil disorder after targeting the eyes of multiple law enforcement officers with a high-powered laser during a June 13, 2020 civil disturbance in Portland.

According to court documents, at approximately 10:00 p.m. on June 13, 2020, a civil disturbance was declared when a crowd gathered around the Multnomah County Justice Center in downtown Portland. At approximately 10:50pm, local police began to clear the crowd. A Portland Police Bureau officer watching the crowd from the roof of the Justice Center observed two individuals, one later identified as Berteau-Pavy, standing in the middle of the street and repeatedly hitting several officers in the face with high-powered lasers.

The officer moved to a lower floor and was able to photograph Berteau-Pavy. The officer kept track of Berteau-Pavy as the crowd was dispersed. In the early morning hours of June 14, 2020, Berteau-Pavy joined a group of individuals marching from the Justice Center to Portland Mayor Ted Wheeler's personal residence. Berteau-Pavy was observed shining a laser at the Mayor's residence and at other homes in neighborhood. The officer who originally spotted Berteau-Pavy with the laser, tracked his location until Berteau-Pavy was contacted by other officers and taken into custody. Berteau-Pavy was later released by state authorities.

On September 2, 2020, FBI agents arrested Berteau-Pavy at his residence in southwest Portland without incident.

Berteau-Pavy made his first appearance in federal court today before a U.S. Magistrate Judge and was released pending further court proceedings. If convicted, Berteau-Pavy faces a maximum sentence of five years in federal prison.

This case was investigated by the FBI. It is being prosecuted by the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Oregon.

A criminal complaint is only an accusation of a crime, and a defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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