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DA Mike Schmidt announces recent indictments in riot cases

PORTLAND, Ore. – Today, Multnomah County District Attorney Mike Schmidt announced the recent filing of two indictments connected to prior riots that occurred in the City of Portland.

State v. Minira Snead-Alsaud

The grand jury recently indicted Snead-Alsaud, 20, with one count of riot and one count of attempting to assault a public safety officer.

This case originated May 30, 2020. The case was referred to the Multnomah County District Attorney's Office but could not be immediately initiated without additional material being provided by law enforcement for review. After law enforcement re-submitted the case, the Multnomah County District Attorney's Office presented the case to the grand jury. It is alleged that Snead-Alsaud repeatedly pushed law enforcement officers, yelled obscenities, and attempted to incite other nearby protestors and that Snead-Alsaud struck a Multnomah County Sheriff's deputy forcefully in the head with a water bottle.

State v. Brandon Bartells

The grand jury recently indicted Bartells, 38, with one count of riot and one count of criminal mischief in the first degree.

It is alleged that on October 11, 2020, a group of approximately 250 people gathered in the South Park Blocks. Members of the group used a van and ropes to topple a statue of President Theodore Roosevelt. Police identified Bartells as the driver of the van. The grand jury made findings that the damage done to the City of Portland's property to be more than \$10,000.

The Multnomah County District Attorney's Office continues to review referred police reports from past riots and continues to prosecute these cases. There are currently 16 civil unrest-related cases in warrant status involving individuals charged with crimes who have either failed to appear in court or who have arrest warrants issued following a grand jury indictment.

A charging document is only an allegation of a crime. Bartells and Snead-Alsaud are innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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