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DA Mike Schmidt charges two people after windows smashed during direct action event

PORTLAND, Ore. – Today, Multnomah County District Attorney Mike Schmidt filed criminal mischief and felony riot charges against Emily Keppler and Emma Lightstone for allegedly breaking out windows during a planned direct action event that targeted a North Portland neighborhood.

It is alleged that during the direct action, which was advertised on social media, law enforcement received information about a person, later identified as Emma Lightstone approaching the Bank of America branch, located in the 5700 block of Northeast Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and then using a hammer to strike an ATM multiple times.

It is alleged that Lightstone then handed the hammer to another suspect—later identified as Emily Keppler.

Keppler struck the screen of the ATM several times, according to court documents.

During the direct action, both Lightstone and Keppler allegedly used the same hammer to break multiple windows at the U.S. Bank, located in the 5500 block of Northeast Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard. It is alleged that Keppler and Lightstone caused more than \$1,000 in damages.

Before they could be contacted by law enforcement, both Lightstone and Keppler changed their clothing, according to court documents.

When police located and arrested Lightstone, officers searched Lightstone's backpack and located a silver hammer, black jacket and black gloves, according to court documents.

Police located and arrested Keppler in the area of Northeast 15th Avenue and Northeast Killingsworth Avenue. During a search after arrest, law enforcement located black clothing inside consistent to the description provided to law enforcement, according to court documents.

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The Multnomah County District Attorney's Office is working with law enforcement to identify and then prosecute the person responsible for breaking out windows at the "Blazers Club" of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Portland Metropolitan Area.

Individuals with information on the identity of this person—or others involved in the criminal acts that occurred during this or other direct action events—should contact law enforcement immediately by calling 503-823-3333.

No additional information can be released by the Multnomah County District Attorney's Office.

A charging document is only an accusation of a crime. Keppler and Lightstone are innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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