

I am a 41 yr old Portland resident, the mother of an almost 3 yr old, and about to have my second child, meaning I was pregnant when this happened. In June 2023, I took my toddler to a neighborhood playground after picking him up from daycare. While we were there, a homeless man wandered into the park carrying a blanket and pillow. It made me a little uneasy, but with all the rhetoric about the vulnerability of the homeless, I told myself he was just looking for a place to rest. When he walked up to us, I expected him to ask for money. I did not expect him to grab me, pull me up against his body, and start talking about sex. I pulled away told him no and to leave me alone, and planned to quickly get my son and leave. But, he didn't accept my no, and grabbed me again. That is when I realized I needed help, and was likely to be raped, in front of my child. I pulled away again, and ran screaming, leaving my toddler behind, scared and confused. The man chased me, and shoved me to the ground. Luckily, we were not the only people at the park, and someone heard my screams, came to my aid, and got the man off of me. My husband later found him sleeping under a bush, and he is now in jail. Along with being homeless, this man is a drug addict, and allegedly on drugs when he attempted to rape me. I strongly feel like measure 110, and the irresponsible way it was implemented, played a part in my assault, and the resulting emotional trauma for myself and my child. Drug addiction is a disease, but drug addicts impact the safety of our communities. Measure 110 has only enabled the addicts and dealers. Measure 110 needs to be repealed. Thank you.