

Public Comment to legislators. At an RTC meeting, it was suggested by IBR Administrator Mr. Johnson that the public should not comment about safety concerns related to TriMet MAX Lightrail trains and stations unless a study could be provided. I am submitting these comments because they are important to many residents such as parents with children, teens, women, elderly residents who may never use the lightrail to Oregon due to safety concerns. IBR, WADOT, ODOT should not force light rail upon us, without a county-wide vote. submitted by Margaret Tweet, Camas, WA resident

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IBR program shared that there were 370 active transportation trips a day over the bridge versus 184,400 with all other modes in a graph dated Nov 23, 2021.

The DSEIS states "an estimated 410 bicyclists and pedestrians, on average, make trips across the bridge daily."

Why the increase in estimate? Where is the data to support this? Is it based on video of Bridge activity?

I have never seen that kind of foot and bicycle traffic, on average across the I-5 bridge. So many rainy, strong windy days over the Columbia River deter bicyclists and pedestrians.

As described in Chapter 2, there are three site options for a new park and ride facility near the proposed Waterfront Station. Two of these sites (Sites 2 and 3) would require the acquisition of additional property beyond that needed for the highway and transit facilities. Site 2 would require full acquisition of one commercial parcel and no displacements. Site 3 would require full acquisition of four commercial parcels and displacement of one business. Site 1 would not require any acquisitions or displacements. Property impacts associated with the Waterfront Station park-and-ride options are shown in Table 3.3-4 and are in addition to the impacts identified in Table 3.3-3.

My comment: Minimize impacts to residential and businesses, use buses instead of light rail. Also minimize park and ride space since few transit riders, especially during pandemics.

With the height of the Waterfront Station ~ 70-90 ft in the air, it seems unlikely residents will use it, so a Park and Ride near a tall station is likely not needed. Going up and down a long spiral staircase can be done by a limited group with physical capacity. How many people are willing to risk meeting a hostile stranger 60-90 feet in the air who could push them down the stairs such as has happened in Seattle light rail station. Is there an elevator? physically possible, still risky. Parents and caregivers with children could be unlikely to take the risk. Older residents, seniors, familiar with the news

reports of assaults on and near MAX stations seem unlikely to use light rail, even at ground level.

GRAPHIC: Brutal attack at Seattle transit station caught on camera, suspect arrested

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<https://www.fox19.com/2022/03/15/graphic-brutal-attack-seattle-transit-station-caught-camera-suspect-arrested/>

SEATTLE (KING) - A brutal attack was caught on camera at a Seattle transit station earlier this month.

The incident happened on March 2 at the International District light rail station near downtown.

Video shows a man, later identified by police as Alexander Jay, coming up an escalator with a woman in a red jacket taking the stairs while exiting the station.

However, when the two arrive at the top, Jay is seen holding the woman on the ground by her coat shortly after disappearing from the camera's view. He then throws her down the first flight of stairs.

The attack continues with Jay following the woman to the first landing on the stairs. Video shows him grabbing her again and throwing her down the next section of stairs.

Jay turns around but then follows the woman as she tries to get away, and a struggle ensues on the second landing.

The woman can be seen holding onto the railing before finally escaping Jay and walking back down to the train platform.

The entire attack lasted under a minute, but the woman had surgery after suffering three broken ribs and a broken clavicle.

Officers with the Seattle Police Department were able to catch Jay a day after the attack. He is facing charges of second-degree assault, and prosecutors have requested \$150,000 bail.

Jay is scheduled for an initial court appearance on March 24.

At a recent RTC meeting in Vancouver fall of 2024, an IBR presentation was made by Mr. Johnson, and it was suggested that public comments about crime on and around MAX Lightrail stations and trains would not be considered by IBR. Why limit public input? This is a primary reason that many women, children, teens, older residents, physically challenged residents do not consider lightrail a safe transit option.

Following is not a complete list of public safety issues on and around TriMet MAX Lightrail stations and trains. There are many more reports, including murder on a MAX train. I did not find this kind of information in DSEIS documents.

MAX station shooting victim identified as 43-year-old Portland man

<https://www.kptv.com/2022/07/06/max-station-shooting-victim-identified-43-year-old-portland-man/>

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Police say 43-year-old Lucian Thibodeaux, of Portland, was shot at a TriMet station in the 16100 block of East Burnside Street around 5 a.m.

Thibodeaux was taken to a local hospital but died the same day.

The suspect fled the scene and has not yet been located. Gresham P.D. says the investigation is still ongoing and has not released any suspect descriptions.

Victim killed in shooting near MAX platform identified, injured victim released from hospital

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<https://www.kptv.com/2022/07/09/victim-killed-shooting-near-max-platform-identified-injured-victim-released-hospital/>

PORTLAND, Ore. (KPTV) - The victim in a deadly shooting in northeast Portland on Wednesday night has been identified and another injured victim has been released from the hospital.

The Portland Police Bureau said the victim who was shot and killed is 42-year-old Gladis Mendoza-Hernandez. The medical examiner conducted an autopsy and determined she died from a gunshot wound and ruled her death a homicide.

Just before 11:30 p.m. Wednesday, East Precinct officers responded to a shooting near the MAX platform at East Burnside Street and Northeast 148th Avenue. Officers arrived and found Mendoza-Hernandez dead.

Police said a man who had also been shot was located nearby. He has now been released from the hospital.

No arrests have been made and the investigation is ongoing.

Woman attacked, robbed at Parkrose Transit Station:

Updated: Mar. 30, 2018 KPTV.com News report

<https://www.kptv.com/2018/03/30/woman-attacked-robbed-parkrose-transit-station-he-says-hes-going-kill-me/>

PORTLAND, Ore. (KPTV) - A woman who was attacked and robbed in the middle of the afternoon at a MAX station in northeast Portland said the suspect threatened to kill her.

Police are searching for the suspect and TriMet is offering a reward in the case.

Portland police said officers responded to the Parkrose Transit Station on Monday at 2:37 p.m. after it was reported a woman was attacked and robbed.

Police said a suspect attacked a woman for several minutes while she tried to defend herself.

The woman was punched and kicked several times by the suspect and she was knocked to the ground, according to police.

The suspect then demanded money and the woman's ID.

The woman ultimately handed over \$15 worth of \$1 coins to the suspect.

During the attack, police said the suspect continually threatened the victim. Fortunately, she was not seriously injured.

"I was thinking this is not happening, this really is not happening," the victim told FOX 12 on Friday. "So, I was fending him off as far as I can. He was shouting, he says he's going to kill me, beat me."

Police described the suspect as a middle-aged white man who is 5 feet 6 inches tall and weighs 180 pounds. He is said to have scruffy brown hair and a white mustache.

During the robbery, police said the suspect was wearing a black and orange colored jacket with the San Francisco Giants baseball team monogram printed on it. The suspect had been riding the MAX Red Line prior to the attack and may be homeless. Police said he may frequent east or north Portland.

TriMet is offering a reward up to \$1,000 for information that leads to the identity and arrest of the suspect.

Police are asking anyone with information on the suspect to contact transit officers at 503-962-7566

father says 2-year-old daughter was poked by needle on MAX train

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<https://www.kptv.com/2018/01/10/gresham-father-says-2-year-old-daughter-was-poked-by-needle-max-train/>

PORTLAND, Ore. (KPTV) - A Gresham father says his 2-year-old daughter was poked by a hypodermic needle while riding a MAX train.

Brian Higby told FOX 12 that on Tuesday his family was taking the MAX Green Line from Clackamas Town Center to Gateway Transit Center when he heard his daughter say "owie."

Higby says he looked down at his daughter, who was in his wife's arms, and saw she was holding a syringe in her hand. He says he believed the needle poked her and immediately got the needle out of her reach.

At the next stop, they got out to seek medical help at Providence Immediate Care, who then transferred them to Randall Children's Hospital. At Randall Children's Hospital, tests were done on the syringe and on the 2-year-old girl.

Luckily, the little girl is fine but they still waiting on some long-term tests results and hope those come back clear too.

Looking back, Higby says it was a moment of total fear.

"Total hopelessness, you know, helpless. There was no control of it."

Right now, Transit Police are investigating and reviewing video of the incident. But finding needles everywhere is becoming a scary trend.

Clean & Safe found more than 16,000 needles in downtown Portland in 2016.

TriMet officials say they see this problem on their trains and buses too, and it's not uncommon to find hypodermic needles when they clean their vehicles every night.

They encourage everyone to check before taking a seat, and urge that if anyone see's something, tell a TriMet employee right away.

MAX train rapist sentenced to prison for 2021 assault *Dec. 5, 2022*

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HILLSBORO Ore. (KPTV) – A man accused of sexually assaulting a woman at a Beaverton MAX stop pleaded guilty to all charges Monday, according to the Washington County District Attorney's Office.

The charges stem from an incident in June 2021. According to the D.A.'s Office, a 31-year-old woman was getting off the MAX train at the Beaverton Creek station just after midnight when William Wesley Gilchrist, 40, began following her. Gilchrist reportedly began attacking her from behind, and sexually assaulting her.

Two good Samaritans saw the attack and pulled Gilchrist off. He then threatened both men with a knife before running off into the woods near the Nike campus. Arriving police soon found Gilchrist and took him into custody.

According to the D.A.'s Office, Gilchrist was under the influence of methamphetamine.

Gilchrist pleaded guilty Monday to first-degree unlawful sexual penetration and two counts of unlawful use of a weapon. Gilchrist was sentenced to 100 months in prison and will be required to register as a sex offender and serve a term of post-prison supervision after his release, officials said.

MAX train passenger with knife arrested after becoming verbally aggressive

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<https://www.kptv.com/2022/08/11/max-train-passenger-with-knife-arrested-after-becoming-verbally-aggressive-police/>

PORTLAND Ore. (KPTV) - A MAX train passenger was cited for disorderly conduct on Thursday after police say they became verbally aggressive on the train.

Communications Coordinator for the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office told FOX 12 in a statement that a knife was seen on the passenger but it was not used in a threatening way.

The incident happened around 1 p.m. near the 600 block of South Porter Street.

MAX deadly shooting likely self defense

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<https://www.kgw.com/article/news/max-deadly-shooting-likely-self-defense/283-71630580>

PORTLAND New video and testimony shows the suspect charged with murder for an October Southeast Portland MAX station shooting was likely acting in self defense.

Court documents show a grand jury declined to indict 18-year-old in the Oct. 11 shooting that killed a teen and injured another man at the Holgate station.

Velasquez was originally arrested in late October on murder, attempted murder, unlawful use of a weapon and first-degree assault charges.

According to a grand jury indictment obtained by KGW's newspartner the Oregonian, Velasquez was seen in surveillance video smoking a cigarette near the top of the stairs with his girlfriend around 11:45 p.m. on the night of the shooting.

A man wearing a mask then came up the stairs and passed them. Then, two other men, later identified as 15-year-old Abukar Madey and 23-year-old Alejandro Ramirez-Navarro (also known as Alex Ramirez), joined the masked man and approached Velasquez from behind, the documents show.

Velasquez told Multnomah County Deputy District Attorney Kirsten Snowden that Ramirez tried to start a fight and asked about his gang affiliations. Velasquez said he felt threatened, so he adjusted a gun hidden in his waistband in order to get the men to leave them alone...

The video then reportedly shows Ramirez pointing the rifle directly at Velasquez as Madey is seen pulling out a sawed-off pistol grip shotgun from his front pocket and pointing it at Velasquez and Grimm.

Velasquez told Snowden that Ramirez jabbed him in the chest with the rifle, and after a while, he put it back in the guitar case and Madey put his sawed-off shotgun in his pocket, documents show.

Video shows the three men surround Velasquez and Grimm while Ramirez hands his jacket to Madey and assumes an aggressive posture, the indictment says. That's when the masked man is seen coming from the left and punching Velasquez twice in the face.

Velasquez said he feared for his life and thought he and his girlfriend were going to be killed or seriously injured, so he pulled out his gun and fired at the three men until he was out of ammunition, documents show.

That evening, police swarmed to the MAX station at Southeast 92nd and Southeast Holgate and found Madey dead on the stairs with a gunshot wound to the head.

Ramirez was also found shot several times and taken to the hospital and survived.

Police told KGWin October that Ramirez was a member of a Hispanic street gang in Portland.

Man shot during fight on MAX Green Line train in SE Portland

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<https://www.kgw.com/article/news/crime/one-person-shot-max-green-line/283-6e2d5b3c-4257-4072-893e-f9b662552760>

PORTLAND, Ore. — A man was [shot](#) during a fight on a MAX Green Line train in Southeast Portland Thursday evening.

In a news release, Portland police said officers were dispatched at 6:52 p.m. to a report of a fight on a MAX train at the Main Street Transit station on Southeast 96th Avenue. As officers were responding, they learned someone fired a gun. Arriving officers found a man with a gunshot wound. He was taken to a hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

Police said the suspect reportedly had a gun and left the scene and was not immediately located. They have not released a suspect description.

A witness told KGW the shooting happened during a confrontation over a dog. A person reportedly punched the dog in the snout then pulled a knife. That's when the witness said the dog's owner pulled out a gun and shot the other person.

In an email, a TriMet spokesperson said, "Our thoughts go out to the individual who was shot, and we sincerely hope they make a full recovery."

TriMet said shuttle buses were being used to serve MAX Green Line stations between Gateway/NE 99th Ave Transit Center and Clackamas Town Center Transit Center.

The Portland Police Bureau is handling the investigation.

Anyone with information about the incident is asked to contact crimetips@portlandoregon.gov and reference case number 22-58707. Anonymous tips can also be sent to Crime Stoppers of Oregon, which offers cash rewards of up to \$2,500 for information that leads to an arrest in any unsolved felony crimes.

Police investigate two incidents, 48 hours apart, of MAX trains hitting people

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<https://www.kptv.com/2022/05/16/police-investigate-two-incidents-48-hours-apart-max-trains-hitting-people/>

PORTLAND Ore. (KPTV) - The Portland Police Major Crash Team is investigating two incidents happening two days apart involving max trains hitting people. One incident was deadly, the other is critical.

The latest accident happened just after 9 p.m. Sunday at Northeast 82nd Avenue and Jonesmore Street. Police got a call about a person with life-threatening injuries. The injured person was taken to the hospital but there is still no word on their condition.

The station where the incident happened was closed overnight while police investigated. It has since been opened. About 48 hours earlier, another person died after being hit by a MAX train at East Burnside and 160th Avenue.

Trimet officials said they believe the victim was on the tracks, and not one of the nearby platforms, when it happened at around 10:30 p.m. on Friday. Trimet says these accidents are difficult for everyone involved, including the train's operator. "Our thoughts are with our operator who has been removed from the scene here and is getting the help they need from TriMet to work through this.

Police have not released much more information on the person who was hit or why they were on the tracks. The Portland police major crash team is investigating these accidents, and are asking if you know anything about what happened either at NE 82nd and Jonesmore Sunday or the one Friday night on NE 160th and Burnside, to call police.

MAX train hits pedestrian in Northeast Portland

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<https://www.kgw.com/article/news/local/max-train-hits-pedestrian-northeast-portland/283-2ac06b7b-3f92-4020-9db5-db842a22d942>

PORTLAND, Ore. — Police are investigating a crash involving a pedestrian and a MAX train in Northeast Portland Sunday evening.

Officers responded to the incident around 9:02 p.m. near Northeast Jonesmore Street and Northeast 82nd Avenue. The Portland Police Bureau (PPB) said the pedestrian was taken to the hospital with life-threatening injuries.

The incident marked the second crash involving a MAX train and a pedestrian in Portland the past week. On May 13, a MAX train hit and killed a pedestrian around 10:30 p.m. near Northeast 160th and Burnside Street. PPB later identified the pedestrian as 43-year-old Phillip Allen. Anyone with information about the crash on May 15 is asked to contact the Traffic Investigations Unit at crimetips@portlandoregon.gov and reference case number 22-128626, or call (503)823-2103.

2 teens stabbed on MAX train; Man charged with hate crime is wanted by Florida: Court docs *Updated: Sep. 3, 2023*

<https://www.kptv.com/2023/09/04/2-teens-stabbed-max-train-man-charged-with-hate-crime-is-wanted-by-florida-court-docs/>

(KPTV) - Two teenagers were stabbed and injured on a TriMet MAX train, and the suspect was arrested in southeast Portland Saturday evening, according to Portland police.

According to court documents accessed by FOX 12 on Sunday, the suspect, identified as 25-year-old Adrian Cummins, is facing charges for a previous altercation on TriMet property in April. He is also wanted by the state of Florida for probation violation.

Just before 6 p.m. Saturday, police responded to a report of a stabbing on the TriMet platform at 9598 Southeast Flavel Street. When they arrived, they found two 17-year-old boys suffering from injuries.

One teen was taken to the hospital by ambulance, the other turned down an ambulance ride and was given medical treatment at the scene. Both are expected to recover from their injuries.

After an initial investigation, police said they believe the assault began on the MAX train, and then the victims and suspect left the train at the Flavel Street station.

According to court documents, the two victims were riding the MAX when Cummins, dressed in all-black and a sweatshirt that read 'Villain' in white letters, jumped up and shouted *****

Cummins then proceeded to stab one of the victims in the left arm and the other in the upper left chest, nicking his heart according to the hospital.

Police began to search for the suspect, later identified as Cummins, and about six minutes later, officers found a man matching his description at Southeast 92nd Avenue and Southeast Flavel Street. Cummins then ran from police on foot, but officers caught up and arrested him.

Police said they believe Cummins stabbed the boys because of his "perception of their race."

Cummins was also identified as the suspect in an armed robbery with a knife at a convenience store in the 9100 block of Southeast Flavel Street. There were no injuries in the robbery.

According to court documents, investigators allege that in April, Cummins was involved in a fight on a MAX train which ended on TriMet property near Southwest Second Avenue and Yamhill Street. During the fight a gun fell out, leading to charges of for felon in possession of a firearm, as investigators say Cummins is a convicted felon from Florida.

Cummins was booked at the Multnomah County jail on the following charges:

- First-degree assault
- Second-degree assault
- Two counts of first-degree bias crime
- First-degree robbery

Court docs: Suspect killed man in unprovoked attack on MAX train

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PORTLAND Ore. (KPTV) - A 51-year-old man has been charged with second-degree murder in connection with an unprovoked deadly stabbing on a Portland MAX train on Friday, March 29, according to a probable cause affidavit from Portland Police.

Shondel L. Larkin was charged with the attack, which took place on an eastbound MAX train Friday evening. He was arrested at the scene after police found him inside the train with a knife and what appeared to be blood on his clothes.

Police arrived at the 82nd Avenue Transit Center around 6:00 p.m. Friday to find the victim suffering from multiple stab wounds. He died at the scene. The attack appeared to be unprovoked, based on security footage from inside the train viewed by police.

Victim in Gresham MAX station shooting has died, Gresham P.D. says Jul. 1, 2022

<https://www.kptv.com/2022/07/01/1-person-injured-shooting-near-gresham-max-station-trimet-blue-line-service-disrupted/>

(KPTV) - The Gresham Police Department has confirmed a man shot early Friday morning has died.

Just after 5 a.m., officers responded to a reported shooting at a TriMet station in the 16100 block of East Burnside Street. Police said two men were on the westbound MAX platform when one shot the other. The victim was taken to an area hospital for treatment.

The suspect fled the scene and has not yet been located. Police have not yet released a description of the suspect. The case is now being treated as a homicide investigation.

Woman found guilty of pushing toddler onto train tracks in Portland

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PORTLAND Ore. (KPTV) - Brianna L. Workman, 33, has been found guilty of pushing a three-year-old onto train tracks in 2022.

On Wednesday, Workman was found guilty on all five previously indicted charges and has been placed under the jurisdiction of the Psychiatric Security Review Board (PSRB) for care, custody, and treatment for a maximum of ten years.

A mother and child were waiting for a MAX train when Workman shoved the child, who was three at the time, off of the platform and face-first onto the train tracks without warning or provocation. The child landed face-first onto the metal rail and rocks before she was quickly rescued. The toddler reported a severe headache and had a small red mark on their forehead. The incident was captured on Tri-Met surveillance.

The charges are one count of Attempted Assault in the First Degree, one count of Assault in the Third Degree, one count of Interfering with Public Transportation, one count of Disorderly Conduct in the Second Degree, and one count of Recklessly Endangering Another Person.

She will be taken to the Oregon State Hospital under PSRB jurisdiction.

Man smashes MAX train passenger in the face with rock

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<https://www.kptv.com/2023/03/08/man-smashes-max-passenger-face-with-rock-court-docs/>

Newly released court documents reveal that a man smashed one passenger in the face with a rock on a MAX train. Johnny Moan is named as the suspect in the assault in the affidavit, which was filed on March 7.

Moan was spotted throwing rocks at trains near Northeast Sandy and 33rd, according to the documents. When police arrived in the area they tried to find Moan, while receiving additional calls over the course of 90 minutes as he moved around and allegedly damaged more TriMet property.

Law enforcement then received a report around 3:30 p.m. that Moan had just assaulted someone on a MAX train in the Lloyd Center Transit Station. A deputy found and spoke with the male victim, who was dizzy and had multiple injuries on his face, including “redness, swelling, and blood.”

He was riding on the MAX when he noticed Moan yelling at a female passenger while holding a rock, according to the document. The woman appeared “terrified,” so the victim pulled out his phone and got up to assist her. When Moan saw this he approached him and allegedly punched him in the face. When the victim attempted to exit the MAX train, Moan allegedly pursued him and smacked him in the face with a rock. Moan then exited the train and hurled the rock at a train window, causing the glass to crack.

These events were confirmed by a witness on the train and police were able to locate Moan using CTV footage. When they found Moan at Northeast 6th and Hassalo Street, Moan reportedly told police “You know I did that s--- on camera.”

Police arrested Moan and the witness allegedly told them he was “100%” the attacker on the MAX.

Man gets prison for threatening MAX train driver with knife, yelling Asian slurs

Jun. 21, 2024 (KPTV) - A man was sentenced to 15 months in prison this week for threatening a MAX train driver with a knife and using derogatory comments against the employee.

<https://www.kptv.com/2024/06/21/man-gets-prison-threatening-max-train-driver-with-knife-yelling-asian-slurs/>

Family of man killed on MAX train files wrongful death lawsuit against TriMet

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PORTLAND, Ore. (KPTV) - A family is now suing TriMet after a father of two was killed on a MAX train, saying his death could've been prevented.

In the six-page wrongful death lawsuit, the family of Michael Brady claims TriMet officials knew about the ongoing violence on the trains and knew about it long before Brady was killed, but they didn't do enough to prevent it. In March, 51-year-old Brady was stabbed to death on a MAX train while riding home from work to have dinner with his wife and children. Portland police say Brady didn't know the man who killed him and it was a random attack.

The suspect, Shondel Larkin, was arrested at the scene and is facing second-degree and unlawful use of a weapon charges.

Now, Brady's family is suing TriMet, saying his death could have been prevented if there were adequate security measures and personnel in place.

The lawsuit states TriMet fails to warn passengers about the risk of violence on its trains and that "TriMet failed to provide adequate security or mobile crisis teams to deter violence and safeguard its passengers from the foreseeable danger posed by violence individuals that TriMet knew and should have known were frequently on its MAX trains."

The suit also claims TriMet encourages locals to ride the trains even though "a Portland commissioner recently announced that he too will no longer ride TriMet's MAX trains, citing unaddressed safety concerns."

That's in reference to Commissioner Rene Gonzalez who said he would temporarily stop riding public transportation in Portland after he claims he was confronted on a MAX train in January.

The family claims if there was proper warning to passengers, like Brady, he would've taken a different way home and would've made it home to dinner with his family.

Jeremy Christian to spend rest of his life behind bars for deadly attack on MAX train

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<https://www.kptv.com/video/2022/02/22/jeremy-christian-spend-rest-his-life-behind-bars-deadly-attack-max-train/>

Officer testifies that Jeremy Christian said 'I hope they die' after MAX stabbings

<https://www.kptv.com/2020/02/04/officer-testifies-that-jeremy-christian-said-i-hope-they-die-after-max-stabbings/>

Updated: Feb. 3, 2020 at 4:24 PM PST

PORTLAND, Ore. (KPTV) - A video shown in court during the Jeremy Christian murder trial Monday included his ride to the police station in a patrol car after the deadly MAX stabbings.

Prosecutors continued to present their case in day five of the trial on Monday. Christian faces murder charges for the May 2017 stabbings that killed two men and injured another.

Christian repeatedly called himself a patriot, used racial slurs and cursed continuously throughout the 30-minute video. In court, Christian nodded as he watched the video.

Officer Andrew Jenson testified that he was shocked by what Christian was saying before and after he was taken into custody, including Christian saying he wanted to go on the record that he hoped his victims were dead.

"I can rest in peace as long as they're all dead," Jenson said, quoting Christian.

Jenson said Christian was also spitting in the back of the patrol car and said he would defecate in the car and "taxpayers are going to have to clean this up." Christian is shown with a "spit mask" over his head in the patrol car video.

"When I sat back down, he yelled, 'You're a Jew, you're the worst piece of humanity,'" Jenson testified about Christian. "Then he said, 'I stabbed them in the neck, I hope they die. Self-defense is illegal in Oregon?'"

Officer Edward Johnson testified about being called to the scene after the stabbings. He said he had a Taser with him and Christian asked the officer if he was going to use it, while calling the officer a racial slur.

Johnson said he was the only African-American officer at the scene at the time, as well as the only one with a Taser, so he knew Christian was addressing him.

"He told us we were going to have to shoot," Johnson testified about what Christian said to the officers.

Johnson said he tried to use the Taser, but while one of the probes contacted Christian, the other did not. Johnson said Christian ended up throwing a knife at a patrol vehicle.

During cross examination, Johnson testified that the Taser was the only option they had at that time that was not lethal force.

Johnson testified that he did not believe Christian was mentally ill. During cross examination, Jenson testified that he didn't know if Christian had any mental health indicators at the time of his arrest.

Christian is accused of stabbing and killing two men – Ricky John Best, 53, of Happy Valley, and Taliesin Myrddin Namkai Meche, 23, of Portland – on a MAX train in northeast Portland in May 2017. A third victim, Micah David-Cole Fletcher, survived the attack.

The trial continues Tuesday and is expected to last through February.

2 found hurt on MAX platform after stabbing call in NE Portland

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<https://www.kptv.com/2024/12/08/2-found-hurt-max-platform-after-stabbing-call-ne-portland/>

PORTLAND Ore. (KPTV) - Two people were found hurt at a northeast Portland TriMet Transit Center after a stabbing on Friday night, according to police.

Just before midnight, officers with PPB responded to a stabbing call at the Gateway Transit Center on Northeast 99th Avenue. Police said there were no transit officers available at the time.

Officers said they found two people with injuries on the MAX train platform, and any suspects had left the area before they arrived.

Police also said the two victims did not cooperate with EMS. Eventually, one of the victims was taken by ambulance to the hospital, and the other eventually showed up to the hospital on their own.

PPB said they are not sure if the assault happened on the platform or on a train, but said the victims would likely recover.

Gresham woman advocates for TriMet safety after more than 20 years

<https://www.kptv.com/2024/12/12/gresham-woman-continues-trimet-safety-advocacy-work-after-more-than-20-years/>

GRESHAM, Ore. (KPTV) — Darla Sturdy has been fighting for increased safety measures at TriMet train stations since 2003, after her son, Aaron, was killed. For the first time since 2019, Sturdy spoke at the TriMet Board of Directors meeting on Wednesday.

“...It’s been a while since I’ve been here for the Board but I’ve been doing safety with TriMet, mainly, for the last 21 years,” Sturdy said during the meeting.

Sturdy said there is still more work to be done to make TriMet train stations even safer.

“If safety is number one, it should be a priority,” she said.

Sturdy’s son, Aaron, was a high school junior, just 16 years old, when he was hit by a TriMet train while using the pedestrian crossing at the station in Gresham in 2003.

“He was coming home from a church function that he had put together, on his dad’s bike,” Sturdy said.

Now, Sturdy keeps a white bicycle chained to a lamppost near the train station in Gresham, where Aaron was killed. Sturdy said it is all part of being proactive and it reminds the community of the work that still needs to be done. She said her advocacy work to make TriMet train stations safer has helped her carry on after her son’s death.

“If you lose a child, if you can do something to make it better and you have that opportunity to make it better for other people, then that’s what’s going to guide you,” Sturdy said.

Sturdy has done some work in Sales to help turn her safety ideas into legislation. In 2007, her lobbying efforts helped pass a bill, requiring TriMet to study all of its crosswalks. While she’s had some success, Study said she’s still frustrated and knows there is more work to be done.

“Believe me, over the course of time for 20 years, I swear to you I have met 100 people and it’s either their family died or somebody they knew got hit,” Sturdy said.

In an email, TriMet said, *“Safety is a core value at TriMet. We investigate all serious incidents that occur on our system, and we examine what we can do differently to produce better outcomes. We also cooperate closely with law enforcement and regulatory agencies and go to great lengths to operate safely. While any collision can have an impact, those that involve serious injury and death are devastating and our hearts go out to all those involved and their loved ones. We are committed to continuous improvement and prioritize safety in our service improvement projects, planning, and training. But we all*

must understand that safety is a shared responsibility, and TriMet alone cannot prevent fatalities.”

Vancouver Police investigate robbery, five suspects arrested

<https://www.clarkcountytoday.com/news/vancouver-police-investigate-robbery-five-suspects-arrested/>

All five suspects were onboard a C-TRAN bus and officers conducted a high-risk stop before taking all five into custody without incident

VANCOUVER – On Sunday (March 31) at about 9:53 p.m., Vancouver Police responded to the report of a physical disturbance at The Vine Turtle Place bus stop at 7th and Washington Street.

Upon police arrival, all who were involved had fled and no victims were located. Approximately 20 minutes later, a male called 9-1-1 requesting an ambulance at the intersection of Broadway and E. 12th Street for an unknown cause of bleeding.

Upon police arrival, it appeared the male had a stab wound in the abdomen. The male was not forthcoming with information on how he was injured. He was transported to an area hospital for serious but not life-threatening injuries. Upon arrival at the hospital, it was found that the wound was not a stab wound, but rather a close contact entry/exit gunshot wound.

Due to the proximity to the previously reported physical disturbance to where the victim of the gunshot wound was located, surveillance video was obtained showing the assault of the victim by five males. All five boarded a C-TRAN bus with the victim's property.

The bus was located with all five suspects onboard and officers conducted a high-risk stop. All five were taken into custody without incident. A handgun, suspected controlled substances, the victim's stolen shoes and additional evidence items were in possession of the suspects.

The investigation revealed that during the assault, a handgun was produced resulting in the gunshot wound to the victim.

Five individuals were arrested and booked into the Clark County Jail for Robbery I:

- Jowakim J. Fonuk
- Arnod Mensior
- Raminus Peter
- Akino Sarapin
- Dearson Suzuki

The investigation by the Vancouver Police Department Crime Reduction Unit is continuing.