

Bend man arrested in baseball bat assault

by Cheryl McDermott

BEND, Ore. -- A 56-year old man was arrested Friday night in connection with the alleged baseball bat beating of a transient reportedly trespassing in the laundry room of an apartment complex in northeast Bend, Oregon, police reported.

Lyell William Cox - DCJ photo According to Bend Police Sgt. Chris Carney, Lyell William Cox, 51, a resident of Fox Hollow Apartments at 2600 NE Forum Drive and apparently associated in some way with the manager of the building, was taken into custody about 11:30 p.m., April 11.

Police investigators said the victim, 29-year old Martin Villa Serrano, was trespassing in the laundry room when he was allegedly confronted by Cox and beaten with a baseball bat. Serrano was transported by private vehicle to St. Charles Medical Center with what Carney described as serious, but non-life threatening injuries.

Cox was lodged in the Deschutes County Jail and faces charges including assault with a deadly weapon, tampering with evidence and menacing, Carney said. Bail was set at \$110,000.

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