

Bend man jailed for attempted murder in random attack

by Cheryl McDermott

Several good Samaritans have been credited with likely saving the life of a woman who was the victim of what police described as a random attack “for no obvious reason”™ on a stranger near Drake Park in Bend Tuesday afternoon.

According to a Bend Police news release issued by Lt. Ben Gregory, police responded to several 911 calls to the area near NW Harmon Blvd. and NW Nashville Avenue about 3:15 p.m., July 10.

When they arrived, they found “numerous” citizens restraining the suspect, 39-year old Bend resident Jeff Richard Weinman, and the victim bloodied and unconscious on the sidewalk, Gregory said.

Weinman resisted arrest and a tazer was deployed. He was placed in custody and lodged in the Deschutes County Jail.

Witnesses reported that Weinman ran after the victim, shoved her to the ground, and began violently attacking her with his fists. The brutal attack continued until the good Samaritans intervened, Gregory said.

22-year old Bend resident Meredith Ann Graham suffered a broken nose, a concussion, broken ribs, a punctured lung, and numerous facial and head injuries, the lieutenant said, and was transported by ambulance to St. Charles Medical Center in Bend.

Weinman faces charges including attempted murder, second-degree assault, menacing, resisting arrest, attempted assault on a public safety officer, coercion, and disorderly conduct.

The case remains under investigation.

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