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Sexual Assault Suspect Confronted by Good Samaritans

Beaverton, Oregon – Two Beaverton men confronted 38-year-old William Wesley Gilchrist of Portland after he allegedly sexually assaulted a Hillsboro woman on a Beaverton MAX train platform last month.

The incident occurred during the early morning hours of June 25, 2021. A Hillsboro woman was riding a MAX train from Portland when Gilchrist began trying to speak with her. When the woman exited the train, Gilchrist exited with her. Gilchrist grabbed the woman and assaulted her on the MAX platform.

Two Beaverton men overheard the woman's pleas for help and ran to her aid. The good Samaritans worked together to confront Gilchrist and pull the woman to safety. Gilchrist was allegedly armed with a razor blade at the time.

Gilchrist ran from the scene. Multiple Beaverton Police Officers responded, including K9 handler Officer Jered Lutu and his K9 partner, Toa. K9 Toa led Officer Lutu into the Nike campus near the intersection of SW Murray Blvd. and SW Jenkins Rd. where Officer Lutu and K9 Toa located Gilchrist.

Gilchrist was subsequently arrested and lodged in the Washington County Jail. On Friday, July 2, 2021 a Washington County Grand Jury indicted Gilchrist on charges on 1st Degree Unlawful Sexual Penetration, 1st Degree Sex Abuse, Unlawful Use of a Weapon, and 1st Degree Attempted Rape.



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