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Felony riot charge filed against 31 year old arrested during July 4 unlawful assembly

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PORTLAND, Ore. – Today, Multnomah County District Attorney Mike Schmidt announced that 31-year-old Krystyna Mihalovna Solodenko is being charged with felony riot, among other charges, after allegedly throwing a shield, which hit an officer, during an unlawful assembly outside the Mark O. Hatfield Courthouse and the Multnomah County Justice Center.

Solodenko is charged with one count of riot, one count of attempting to assault a public safety officer and one count of interfering with a peace officer.

This investigation started on July 4, 2020 when members of the Portland Police Bureau declared an unlawful assembly in the area of Southwest 4th Avenue and Southwest Salmon Street. Approximately 500 people gathered in the space. Individuals in the crowd started throwing projectiles including fireworks toward police.

It is alleged that a person, later identified as Solodenko, ran in front of a Portland Police officer and threw a shield. The shield hit the officer's shoulder.

The officer reported seeing Solodenko then run behind the Portland Police Bureau's Rapid Response Team and reach for a lit firework. The officer who had the shield thrown at him grabbed Solodenko by her backpack and pulled her away from the lit firework, according to court documents.

Solodenko fell to the ground and started kicking the officer in the legs, according to court documents.

No additional information can be released by the Multnomah County District Attorney's Office at this time.

A charging document is only an accusation of a crime. Solodenko is innocent unless and until proven guilty.

The Multnomah County District Attorney's Office will [presumptively decline to prosecute](#) cases where the most serious offenses are city ordinance violations and crimes that do not involve property damage, theft, or the use or threat of force against another person. When an individual case presents unusual, aggravating circumstances, however, our office may prosecute the case. All other offenses, including those that allege acts of physical violence will be handled according to general office policies.

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