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Defendant Charged with Second Instance of Assaulting a Federal Law Enforcement Officer

PORTLAND, Ore.— Defendant Julie Winters, 46, of Portland, made a first appearance in federal court yesterday after being charged by criminal complaint with assaulting a federal officer and resisting arrest.

According to court documents, on August 20, 2025, Winters became hostile when deputies from the U.S. Marshals Service (USMS) attempted to place Winters under arrest for violating the conditions of her pretrial release for an earlier charge of assaulting a federal law enforcement officer. Winters began to fight and resisted arrest. After several minutes, the deputies were able to handcuff and escort Winters to a holding cell. A short time later in the holding cell, Winters had a medical incident, and the Deputy U.S. Marshals provided immediate care. The Deputy U.S. Marshals removed the restraints as they waited for additional medical personnel to respond. As soon as the restraints were removed, Winters began fighting with the Deputy U.S. Marshals. Winters grabbed a Deputy U.S. Marshal by the hair at the base of the scalp and began to whip the Deputy U.S. Marshal around by the hair.

Winters was on pretrial release for a <u>separate incident</u> on June 24, 2025, for which she was indicted on two counts of attempted assault on an officer and intimidation of a federal officer with a dangerous weapon.

According to court documents, on June 24, 2025, officers observed Winters attempting to light an incendiary device next to the guard shack of the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) office. As Federal Protective Service officers engaged with Winters, she pulled a large knife from her backpack and began waiving the blade toward the officers. Winters threw the knife at an officer, but it did not strike the officer. Winters began to flee but an officer deployed a taser, bringing Winters to the ground. As officers attempted to secure Winters, she pulled a second large knife from her waistband. Officers finally disarmed Winters and arrested her.

The case is being investigated by the United States Marshal Service and the FBI and is being prosecuted by the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Oregon.

A criminal complaint is only an accusation of a crime, and a defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.