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### **Gun charges dropped against man arrested during protest in federal park**

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Prosecutors Monday dropped all charges against 38-year-old Jay Byron Bishop, who was arrested Sunday and accused of carrying a firearm in his moped at a federal park during a Patriot Prayer rally.

Bishop had been accused of being a felon in possession of a firearm and carrying a concealed weapon.

"After receiving the reports, we feel the search that revealed the weapon would fail to withstand a motion to suppress in state court," said Jeffrey Howes, First Assistant to the Multnomah County District Attorney.

Because the Ruger firearm was located in a locked compartment of Bishop's moped it likely would be thrown out as evidence under Oregon law as fruits of an unlawful search.

Federal officers from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security made the arrest. They also found ammunition in Bishop's backpack and a knife.

The case is being referred back to federal officers and prosecutors, Howes said.

Bishop is a felon having been convicted in 2010 of unlawful use of a weapon and is not allowed to possess firearms.

Bishop's friend told court officials that Bishop suffers from post traumatic stress disorder after an Army injury. Bishop told court authorities that he has a traumatic brain injury, and that using medication is against his religious beliefs, according to court records. The friend also told court officials that Bishop is part of a gaming world called "War Hammer," is a certified tattoo artist and is "quiet and like a hermit," according to the court documents.

### **Portland police use of force data, 2nd quarter 2017**

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The Portland Police Bureau released its use of force report for 2017's second quarter, covering April 1 to June 30.

The bureau reported 127 cases in which force was used, out of 89,970 calls for service.

Force was used against 143 people, while 6,123 people were taken into custody.

The bureau's quarterly report does not include force used during crowd control encounters or officer-involved shootings.

The following graphs show police used force in 2.3 percent of its arrests. Disturbance calls and traffic stops resulted in more frequent use of force. Officers in East Precinct accounted for the most force used in the bureau in April and June, while North Precinct officers used the most

force in May of this year. When force was used involving a person in a mental health crisis, officers most often used a Taser, followed by a physical takedown of a person, the report shows.

The 207 force reports police completed during the second quarter of this year marked a drop from the 315 reports in the same quarter in 2016. The 207 force reports this quarter also dropped from the 247 force reports completed in the first quarter of this year.

FDCRs are force data collection reports, reports officers must complete after the use of force.

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During this quarter, 141 officers used force, whether that was the pointing of a firearm, use of pepper spray, a Taser or a takedown, according to the bureau's report. Forty-five percent of force used by police was against white male suspects, while 28 percent of the force used by police was against black male suspects, the bureau reported.

As the Portland Police Bureau force data was released for the second quarter of this year, city-hired consultants released its own report calling on the bureau to spend more time training officers on how to calm a tense encounter to avoid the use of force.

The consultants wrote: "We have called upon the PPB to give greater emphasis to building verbal communication and de-escalation skills that are essential for preventing or minimizing the use of force and to treat people with respect and dignity," the consultants wrote. "To date, however, insufficient time and quality instruction has been devoted to these important behaviors."

Read that report [here](#).