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(8) On 04-21-14 at 1327 hrs, dispatch advised of a disturbance at a half way house located at 6000 NE 80th Ave between a male resident and an employee.

While in route to the scene, Port of Portland Police responded due to the proximity to the Airport and Officer Willard and I were coming from a long distance away. Dispatch updated that the male resident was not calming down and had to be subdued by employees. Port of Portland Police also arrived on scene and Officer Steffey took the resident into custody.

Upon my arrival, I met with staff and they directed me inside the lobby. I then observed several Port of Portland Officers on scene with a subject in custody. The subject was later identified as Cyrus Sullivan. I had the Port of Portland Police wait with Sullivan while I met with the victim and witnesses.

I first met with the victim, Struse, who had just been seen by medical. I asked Struse what happened and she stated that she is employed at the half way house as Social Services Coordinator and had a meeting with a resident, namely Cyrus Sullivan. Struse stated that she was in her office with Sullivan when he became upset over their conversation. Sullivan was exiting the office when Struse felt he was going to slam the door and she told him not to. Sullivan stood in the doorway of the office and held the door as if he was still going to slam it and Struse repeated for him not to slam the door. Sullivan became angry and yelled, "This is fucked up!" Sullivan then charged at Struse and slapped her across the face and then punched her in the face, causing pain to the left side of her face. Sullivan then pushed Struse over her work chair and into a wall, causing her to hit her left hand. I saw that Struse was holding an ice pack on her hand and I asked if I could look at it. Struse then showed me her hand where I observed severe swelling and a slight cut and bruise to the top of her hand. I photographed the injury and also took a picture of her face, which showed some faint signs of bruising also. The photographs were later submitted into DIMS. I asked Struse what her level of pain was on a scale of 1 to 10 and she stated her hand really hurt and she was probably at an 8. I asked Struse what happened after she was pushed over the chair and she stated that her co-worker, Heather Kufahl, came from the office next door and told Sullivan to back away and he refused. Kufahl then tried to get between Sullivan and Struse, at which time Sullivan swung a closed fist at Kufahl's face, missing her. Struse said she and Kufahl continued to try to prevent Sullivan from assaulting them further when another employee came in to help. The third employee was identified as Ace Salu. Salu was then able to grab Sullivan and escort him from the office so that Struse and Kufahl could escape.

I noticed that Struse and Kufahl were both much smaller than Sullivan and could clearly not defend themselves against him. I asked Struse what medical staff had said about her hand and she said they recommended she go to the hospital and get an x-ray. I told Struse to contact me later to give me an update on her injury if she went to the hospital. I asked Struse if she wanted to pursue charges against Sullivan and she said she did. I then provided her with my business card and a victim's complaint form with the necessary information. I advised Struse to contact the DA's office in the morning and reminded her to update me on her injury status.

I next spoke with Kufahl about the incident. Kufahl stated she was in her office with her door open slightly when she heard Struse yell to someone not to slam the door and then a bunch of yelling. Kufahl said that when she made her way to Struse's office, she saw Sullivan pushing and swinging at Struse as she was pushing her alarm button. Kufahl said she got between Sullivan and Struse as she told Sullivan to get back. Kufahl said Sullivan kept swinging and swung a punch at her face and missed. Kufahl stated that Salu then came in and was able to get Sullivan away so she and Struse could escape the office. I asked Kufahl if she wished to press charges against Sullivan for attempted assault and she said she did. I then provided her with

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