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Man arrested in menacing and pistol-whip incident

Salem, Ore. — At approximately 3:00 p.m. on May 8, officers responded to the call of an armed person at the transit mall in the 200 block of High ST NE. Transit mall security personnel reported a man, who was unable to board a bus, shouted threats and displayed a handgun. As the man fled, he pointed the gun at a passerby.

Responding officers located the suspect in the area of Court and Church STS NE where witnesses also reported the man used the grip of a gun to strike a female bystander in the face, knocking her to the ground and kicking her repeatedly.

After a brief foot pursuit, the suspect, Enrique King Hatfield, was apprehended by officers and a handgun was found on his person.

The woman who was assaulted was treated by paramedics at the scene.

The 21-year-old Hatfield was arrested and lodged at the [Marion County Jail](#) on various related [charges](#) including:

- Assault, second-degree
- Menacing, two counts
- Unlawful use of a weapon
- Felon in possession of a weapon

Hatfield is set to be arraigned at the [Marion County Criminal Court Annex](#) today at 2:30 p.m. As such, all further inquiries about this investigation should be directed to the [Marion County District Attorney's Office](#).

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Attachment:

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