

# News Release



## Oregon Parks and Recreation Department FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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### OPRD DIRECTOR STATEMENT ON BIAS CRIME CONVICTION

Oregon Parks and Recreation Director Lisa Sumption today issued a statement about the conviction of an Idaho man who brutally assaulted a transgender woman at Agate Beach State Recreation Site in August, 2019.

Idaho resident Fred Costanza was found guilty in Lincoln County Court January 29, 2020 of first-degree bias crime, second-degree assault and harassment after an attack that injured Lauren Jackson, 29, a newcomer to Oregon. Jackson was severely injured, suffering a skull fracture and a broken jaw.

"There is no place for this kind of hate and violence anywhere," said Sumption. "And especially not in our state parks, places specifically meant to welcome all of us, and to inspire peace and joy. We stand with Lauren Jackson, and will continue to work with the community to make our public spaces reflect Oregon values."

Sumption said that the perpetrator is currently banned from all state parks in Lincoln county. "It is the only tool we have at our disposal to send the strongest message possible. We welcome all who respect the law and respect the rights of our fellow human beings."

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