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Community member 4, Lake Oswego: I was a protest medic during the 2020 BLM movement in Portland. I didn't plan on being a medic, I showed up, got tear gassed, and got angry so I helped how I could. I held head wounds together from "less lethal" munitions shot directly at protesters. I helped carry people with broken limbs from police batons. I have nightmares of the screams and the blood.

I took hundreds of photos and videos because I don't want history to forget what happened here and who did it. I remember the faces of the officers who told me to fuck off when I begged them for an ambulance for a person they had just beaten who was bleeding from an open gash on the top of his head, unable to stand or walk.

I saw Portland Police grab and brutally beat young women, especially women of color. I was there when Portland Police tear gassed a line of mothers in yellow, veterans, and fathers. I watched them laugh and pace, hitting their batons into one hand, like a batter at the plate, eager to swing. I will never forget their laughs and twisted looks of joy while they waited to literally attack civilians. It was horrifying.

I collected spent munition debris to gather more information and found the "spoons", or handles, of some of the CS gas canisters DATE BACK TO 2001! I personally have one from 2010 I picked up after being gassed.

I can't wait to see what the long term effects will be of all this chemical exposure. I'm sure PPB will have thousands of lawsuits in about 10 years from all the illness they caused.

Another fun effect Portland police violence has had on me is that when my partner tried to murder me, I was too afraid of the cops to call them to help me. I have zero faith in police to keep anyone safe anymore.

PPB attacked innocent civilians with chemical weapons that the US Military isn't allowed to use overseas. Explain to me how that is okay. Ever.