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When they refused, officers charged at the crowd and made arrests. It is unclear exactly how many people were arrested.

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A person of interest to the investigation has since been identified as Michael Forest Reinoehl, a 48-year-old father-of-two who described himself online as '100% antifa'.

Reinoehl's estranged sister said she confirmed to police that she recognised her brother in screenshots from the night in question.

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Additional footage showed windows had been smashed at several nearby businesses, including what appeared to be a dentist's office.

The building had also been daubed with graffiti while a small fire had been started in the lobby.

Activists also danced to the 'Macarena' and sang 'Happy tear gas, war crimes Wheeler/Happy tear gas to you,' to the tune of 'Happy Birthday', [KATU](#) reported.

Monday marked the 95th consecutive day of demonstrations in Portland, which began after the killing of George Floyd during his arrest in Minneapolis.



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Police said they moved in to clear the crowd after a business was burgled and furniture dragged into the street where it was set on fire (remains of the fire above)



In total police say 19 people were arrested, some of whom were carrying knives and a collapsible baton, after vandals attacked a nearby business



Walls were daubed with graffiti by some members of the protest group, prompting police to declare the gathering a riot and move in

'Violence begets violence and hatred begets hatred. This is not the solution. My heart goes out to the victim. It always has, before I even knew my brother was involved.'

She claimed her brother is troubled and that they have not been in touch for three years.

In the past, she said he'd stolen their mother's seizure medication and is in debt.

He has a son and daughter from a previous relationship but is no longer involved with the mother.

President Trump has since weighed in on the situation, threatening to send the National Guard to Portland to quell the violence.

'Rest in peace Jay!', he said, after learning of Danielson's death.

He then tweeted: 'Portland is a mess, and it has been for many years. If this joke of a mayor doesn't clean it up, we will go in and do it for them!' he wrote.

'The Radical Left Mayors & Governors of Cities where this crazy violence is taking place have lost control of their 'movement'.

'It wasn't supposed to be like this, but the Anarchists & Agitators got carried away and don't listen anymore - even force Slow Joe out of basement!'