

Nude protester dubbed 'Naked Athena' flashes Portland police and gets pepper balls shot at her feet

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A protester in Portland put on a stark display in front of cops as she sat with her legs apart on Friday night.

In a video posted on Twitter, the naked protester was seen walking along the sidewalk before laying down in the road, kicking up her feet and doing multiple yoga and ballet poses.

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The woman remains unidentified however she has been dubbed "Naked Athena" on social media.

She sat between the officers and other protesters wearing nothing but a face mask and beanie.

Dave Killen, a photographer for The Oregonian/Oregon Live, said everyone was astonished and surprised by the display.

Photos that Killen took of the event, along with a video from journalist Donovan Farley went viral on social media.

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According to The Oregonian/Oregon Live, officers fired pepper balls at her feet.

Demonstrations and protests have been happening nearly every night in Portland since the death of George Floyd on May 25.

On Saturday night, protesters broke into a building, set it alight, and lit dumpster fires.

Police called the gathering "a riot" and used tear gas to clear the downtown area.

Portland Mayor Ted Wheeler has slammed the federal response and growing presence in the city, claiming they have done more harm than good.

There are "dozens if not hundreds of federal troops descending upon our city, and what they're doing is they are sharply escalating the situation," Wheeler said.

"Their presence here is actually leading to more violence and more vandalism," he told CNN's Jake Tapper on State of the Union.

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Another protester ran in front of her with a makeshift shield

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A separate protester ran in front of the woman with a makeshift shield in what appeared to be an attempt to protect her from the balls.

However, she quickly moved out from behind the shield.

Killen said he didn't hear her say a word the entire time.

Officers left roughly ten minutes after she arrived.

The "Naked Athena" left shortly after the officers did.

"She was incredibly vulnerable," Killen said. "It would have been incredibly painful to be shot with any of those munitions with no clothes on."

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