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Suspect sought in offensive tagging incident at neighborhood park

Salem, Ore. — On March 30, 2022, a neighbor reported graffiti vandalism at Englewood Park at 1260 19th ST NE. The graffiti comprised offensive words and symbols, including homophobic and racist slurs, and anti-Semitic language.

The incident was also reported to the Public Works Parks Operations whose staff worked quickly to remove the damage done to a bench, playground structure, and picnic table.

The Salem Police Department is releasing exterior surveillance video of the incident with the hope that someone can identify the suspect.

“Residents should be able to use their park without concerns about graffiti vandalism, especially hate speech graffiti,” said Lieutenant Debbie Aguilar who oversees the Graffiti Abatement Team. “We hope that someone will recognize the individual in the video and come forward.”

Anyone knowing the identity of the suspect, or with information about the case, is asked to call the Salem Police Tips Line at 503-588-8477.

As a reminder to residents, hate speech graffiti should be reported to the police non-emergency line at 503-588-6123. Doing so allows the police department to do an investigation into the incident. Other types of graffiti can be reported to the Graffiti Abatement Team at 503-371-4264. Learn more about [reporting graffiti](#) on the [City of Salem website](#).

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