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OMSI Statement regarding museum lockdown on Tuesday, December 20, 2022

Statement attributed to Erin Graham, President and CEO, Oregon Museum of Science and Industry

[PORTLAND, Ore – December 20, 2022] – “OMSI was notified of a police incident involving a person with a gun on the esplanade near the Hawthorne Bridge today, December 20, 2022 at approximately 1:15pm. Thankfully, the Portland police were able to quickly address the situation. For the safety of our guests, volunteers and staff, we locked down the museum at 1:15 pm, and lifted the lockdown at 1:30 pm when Portland police informed us they had apprehended a suspect. All museum activities then resumed.

We are grateful to the authorities for their quick action, and for everything they do to keep our community safe. If guests have questions or would like to discuss the situation, please contact Grant Vondrachek, OMSI’s Safety, Health & Security Manager, at gvondrachek@omsi.edu. Thank you.”

About OMSI

Founded in 1944, the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry (OMSI) is one of the nation’s leading science museums and a trusted educational resource for communities throughout Oregon and the region. Through museum exhibitions, public programs, outdoor programs, traveling exhibitions, digital learning, and learning research and design, OMSI nourishes a lifelong love of science, curiosity and learning among its diverse audiences. The upcoming [OMSI District](#) – a collaboration of local, Tribal and regional government entities, nonprofits and businesses – will be a one-of-a-kind neighborhood with innovation, culture and science learning at its heart. OMSI is located at 1945 S.E. Water Avenue, Portland, OR, 97214. For general information, call 503.797.4000 or visit omsi.edu. Connect with the museum on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#).

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