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I also want to add that in May a man, the police discovered later to be both homeless and high on methamphetamine, attempted to break down our front door at four o'clock in the morning. He shattered our front window before the police finally arrived. My car has been keyed badly on four occasions when dining in downtown Portland. We have given up on dining downtown as have many others which I'm sure is helpful to small and large businesses alike. My fiancé's car was broken into while she shopped at the target at mall 205. Smashed out her driver window. Also we've had 9 packages stolen off of our porch since we've moved into this house. On top of the taxes, price of real estate and everything else we also get to pay for a Post Office box as not to lose countless shipments necessary to receive during a statewide lockdown in which these items weren't available for purchase in person. Expanding the homeless crisis in our city that we used to love will surely lead to more people leaving and more businesses failing. It's heartbreaking to see. I feel for these people and they should receive the help that they need. But this city has not been handling it well thus far.

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