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## **UMATILLA WOMAN SENTENCED TO FEDERAL PRISON FOR SCISSOR ATTACK**

PORTLAND, Ore.—Christina Sue Barkley, 30, an enrolled member of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation and resident of Pilot Rock, Oregon, was sentenced today to 21 months in federal prison and three years' supervised release for assault with a dangerous weapon.

According to court documents, during a psychotic episode on March 31, 2018, Barkley came into a room where another adult member of the tribe was making necklaces and stabbed the victim with a pair of scissors. The victim tried to get away, but she fell while backing away from Barkley. Barkley jumped on top of the victim and continued stabbing her. The assault continued until the victim's spouse walked into the room and pulled Barkley off the victim.

The victim sustained multiple serious injuries, was taken to St. Anthony Hospital in Pendleton, Oregon and later transported via Life Flight to Oregon Health and Sciences University in Portland for additional treatment.

During sentencing, U.S. District Court Judge Michael W. Mosman ordered Barkley to continue mental health treatment, substance abuse treatment, and to participate in anger management and family counseling as part of her supervised release.

On February 20, 2018, Barkley pleaded guilty to one count of assault with a dangerous weapon.

This case was investigated by the FBI and the Umatilla Tribal Police Department. It was prosecuted by Jennifer Martin, Assistant U.S. Attorney for the District of Oregon.

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