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UTAH RESIDENT SENTENCED TO FEDERAL PRISON FOR ABSCONDING SUPERVISION AND FAILING TO REGISTER AS A SEX OFFENDER

EUGENE, Ore.—A Washington County, Utah, resident was sentenced to federal prison today for failing to comply with sex offender supervision and registration requirements designed to protect the community from predatory acts, announced U.S. Attorney Billy J. Williams.

Robert John Golom, 27, was sentenced to five years in federal prison and ten years' supervised release.

U.S. Attorney Billy J. Williams said "This case demonstrates the critical importance of law enforcement partnership and coordination and use of the National Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (SORNA) as an important tool in protecting the public from those who repeatedly engage in predatory acts."

According to court documents, on November 5, 2019, Eugene police officers found defendant Golom in a Eugene transient encampment, sharing a tent with a 16-year old minor. Record checks revealed Golom was required to register as a sex offender as a result of prior criminal convictions in Utah, and Golom had not registered in Oregon despite being present in the state for a month. Golom was also found in possession of a machete, a concealed hunting knife and other makeshift weapons. Eugene police coordinated with the United States Marshal's Service and the Oregon State Police to conduct further investigation.

Golom told law enforcement he left Utah on a bus, traveled to Oregon, and did not register as required following his Utah state conviction for Sexual Exploitation of a Minor and Unlawful Sexual Contact with a 16 or 17-year old in 2019. Golom's failure to register in Oregon follows a history of repeated sexual acts committed against minors and poor decisions, including sharing a tent with a minor in Eugene, while fleeing from court-ordered supervision and sex offender registration requirements in Utah.

On November 20, 2019, a federal grand jury in Eugene returned a single-count indictment charging Golom with failure to register as a sex offender. On July 28, 2020, he pleaded guilty.

The United States Marshals Service, the Eugene Police Department, and Oregon State Police investigated this case. It was prosecuted by William M. McLaren, Assistant U.S.

Attorney for the District of Oregon in coordination with the Hurricane, Utah City Attorney and the Washington County Attorney's office in St. George, Utah.

The United States Marshals Service is the federal government's primary law enforcement agency for sex offender and fugitive investigations. The United States Marshals Service has implemented an aggressive strategy across the nation, including complex sex offender investigations and multiagency enforcement operations. Protecting children in our communities, including unhoused juveniles, is a critical part of the multiagency sex offender mission in Oregon.

The Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (SORNA) is Title I of the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006. The act provides a comprehensive set of minimum standards for sex offender registration and notification in the United States. SORNA strengthens the nationwide network for the protection of the community.

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