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TYRIK ALIEM DAWKINS SENTENCED TO 25 YEARS IN PRISON IN RAPE CASE

HILLSBORO, Ore- On May 9, 2024, Washington County Circuit Court Judge Andrew Erwin sentenced Tyrik Aliem Dawkins to 25 years in prison under Measure 11 sentencing guidelines. On April 25, 2024, the defendant was convicted of Rape in the First Degree, two counts of Sodomy in the First Degree, two counts of Sexual Abuse in the First Degree, and Coercion. Deputy District Attorney Christina Luedtke prosecuted this case.

The defendant and the victim connected through an online dating site and agreed to meet each other in September of 2021. The defendant quickly became aggressive and possessive of the victim. These actions escalated when Mr. Dawkins sexually assaulted the victim multiple times at her apartment in Hillsboro. He took her cell phone, her car keys, and repeatedly blocked her from leaving her apartment over a two-day period. He later forced her to drive him to a hotel where he was staying in Portland. He eventually let the victim leave the hotel but threatened to kill her if she reported his actions to the police.

Despite these threats, the victim reported the attacks to the Hillsboro Police Department and multiple acquaintances. Detectives interviewed the victim and those she confided in and secured digital evidence linking the defendant to the victim.

The Washington County District Attorney's Office commends the bravery of the victim in reporting the defendant's actions. This office also acknowledges the work of the Hillsboro Police Department on this case.

Mr. Dawkins will be transferred to the Oregon Department of Corrections to serve his sentence.