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JOSE LUIS BERUMEN-CARLOS SENTENCED FOR ROLE IN DRIVE-BY SHOOTING

HILLSBORO, Ore.- On June 7, 2019, Jose Luis Berumen-Carlos was sentenced to 180 months in prison by Judge Ricardo Menchaca for his role in a drive-by shooting, plus an additional 13 months in prison for crimes committed during his trial.

On February 1, 2019, Berumen-Carlos was convicted on multiple charges including two counts of First-Degree Attempted Assault with a Firearm, two counts of Unlawful Use of a Weapon with a Firearm, two counts of Recklessly Endangering Another Person, Unlawful Use of a GPS Device, Unauthorized Use of a Vehicle, Felon in Possession of a Firearm and two counts of First-Degree Theft of a Firearm. Senior Deputy District Attorney John Gerhard prosecuted the case against Berumen-Carlos.

On May 31, 2018, Berumen-Carlos fired four shots from his car as he drove past a home in North Plains, Oregon. Berumen-Carlos's estranged girlfriend was inside the home at the time. A witness spotted Berumen-Carlos scouting the location while looking at his phone prior to the shooting.

The victim told investigators she feared Berumen-Carlos had been following her. Police then found a GPS tracking device hidden under the hood of her car. They also found the tracking device's app installed on Berumen-Carlos' cell phone. He fled the scene of the shooting but was arrested a short time later.

At the time of trial, Berumen-Carlos's family had posted his bail and he was released from custody pursuant to a release agreement. That agreement called for Berumen-Carlos to wear a GPS ankle monitor and a substance abuse ankle monitor (SCRAM bracelet). The defendant appeared for each day of the four-day trial. However, when he learned that the jury had reached its verdict, but before learning what the verdict was, the defendant fled the courthouse. He cut off his GPS monitor and stole the SCRAM bracelet. Judge Menchaca then issued a bench warrant for the defendant's arrest.

While Berumen-Carlos was evading authorities after he fled the courthouse, he was arrested in March in Multnomah County and charged with several more unrelated crimes there. He received an additional 18 months in prison as a result of those convictions. Then, on June 7, 2019, Berumen-Carlos pleaded guilty to First-Degree Failure to Appear and First-Degree Theft in Washington County. Judge Menchaca sentenced the defendant to an additional 13 months in prison consecutive to the drive-by shooting case.

The Washington County District Attorney's Office would like to acknowledge the work of Deputies Erik Merklin and Maribel Camas with the Washington County Sheriff's Office, Officer Ryan Ohlmann with the North Plains Police Department and Special Agent Mike Easter with the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Berumen-Carlos has been transferred to the Oregon Department of Corrections to begin serving his sentences.