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Pavel Mikhay receives 90 month prison sentence for assaulting a woman in East Multnomah County

Today, Multnomah County District Attorney Rod Underhill announced that 28-year-old Pavel Mikhay changed his plea and received a 90 month prison sentence for unlawfully entering a residence in East Multnomah County and assaulting a woman while she was in bed.

This investigation started on September 25, 2018 at approximately 6:30 a.m. when the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office received information about an assault at a residence in Corbett, Oregon. As deputies responded, they learned the suspect, later identified as Mikhay, entered the residence with a knife, attacked the victim and then fled in a truck that had a large boat attached to the vehicle's trailer hitch.

Deputies confirmed that the victim did not know her attacker and that this was a random act of violence.

During an impact statement presented to the court, the victim said this incident "rattled every fiber" of her being; that it completely changed the way she views the world, and that it took away the safety and sanctity of her home.

"This incident harmed more than just one person," said Multnomah County Deputy District Attorney BJ Park, who prosecuted this case. "It harmed and impacted an entire community. For more than 24 hours, fear blanketed the entire community of Corbett as law enforcement desperately searched for the person responsible for this emotionally life-altering attack."

The victim told investigators that when the attack occurred, she was in bed when she awoke to Mikhay standing over her bed armed with a knife. Mikhay wore a piece of clothing that covered most of his face. Without warning, Mikhay began attacking the victim and attempted to stab her. The victim fought back. In response, Mikhay grabbed the victim by her neck and face and tried to smother her nose and mouth with a pillow. The victim told deputies she attempted to take the knife from Mikhay. During the assault, the victim suffered serious physical injury.

Inside the residence, deputies located several pieces of evidence that included a 3-4 foot rope, a tool bag and other items that the victim and her family did not report as their property. Deputies also recovered a knife outside the residence.

Approximately 10 minutes after the 9-1-1 call and responding to the crime scene, deputies located Mikhay's vehicle abandoned, which suggested to deputies that he was on foot hiding in the heavily wooded area nearby. The East Metro Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Team responded to help patrol deputies locate and safely take Mikhay into custody. He was not initially located despite an exhaustive search.

The next day, on September 26, 2018, at approximately 8:30 a.m. a community member called 9-1-1 and reported seeing a person who matched the description of Mikhay, which had previously been released to the public. Deputies took Mikhay into custody without any further incident.

Mikhay pleaded guilty to one count of assault in the first degree.

The Multnomah County District Attorney's Office recognizes all of the members of the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office who responded to this investigation for their dedicated efforts. Furthermore, we recognize the East Metro SWAT Team for their immediate response to ensure community safety.

The District Attorney's Office also recognizes Victim Advocate Julie Jacobs who provided the victim and her family advocacy and support throughout this case.

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