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**DAVOREA MARKELLE TYJUAN WALKER SENTENCED
TO 80 MONTHS IN PRISON FOR ROLE IN GANG-RELATED SHOOTING**

HILLSBORO, Ore.- On April 1, 2020, Davorea Markelle Tyjuan Walker pleaded guilty to attempted first-degree assault with a firearm. He was sentenced to 80 months in prison by Washington County Judge Rebecca Guptill. Senior Deputy District Attorney John Gerhard prosecuted the case against Mr. Walker.

The defendant and the victim are known gang members associated with the Rolling 60s Neighborhood Crips and the Failing Block Bloods respectively, gangs that primarily operate in Portland and Gresham. On June 26, 2019 the defendant was at Washington Square Mall with several friends when he spotted the victim inside the mall. The defendant suspected the victim was involved in the death of a fellow gang member and decided to seek retribution. The defendant then went to his car and retrieved a handgun.

The defendant and his group returned to the crowded mall to confront the victim. The victim, who was also armed with a handgun, brandished the firearm at the defendant's group. Ultimately, the victim and his associate fled through the mall and the defendant and his associates gave chase. The group ended up in the parking lot. The victim pulled his own handgun and both groups exchanged gunfire. Investigators later found nearly a dozen shell casings throughout the mall parking lot. Several vehicles were damaged by gunfire, fortunately no one was hurt. The defendant and victim fled the scene. The shooting was captured on video surveillance.

Mr. Walker was later arrested in Vancouver, Washington. He admitted to his involvement but denied firing any of the rounds, instead he blamed an associate.

The Washington County District Attorney's Office would like to acknowledge Detective Gabe Stone, the Commercial Crimes Unit and the Tigard Police Department for securing the scene and for their investigative work on this case.

In addition to his prison sentence, Judge Guptill also ordered the defendant to pay more than \$9,000 in restitution and undergo three years of post-prison supervision upon his release. She also barred him from having any contact with any victims or known gang members in the future. Mr. Walker has been transferred to the Oregon Department of Corrections to begin serving his sentence.