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**EDDIE TAMARAS SILAS CONVICTED ON MULTIPLE CHARGES INCLUDING
ATTEMPTED MURDER**

HILLSBORO, Ore.- On May 12, 2022, a Washington County jury found Eddie Tamaras Silas guilty of second-degree attempted murder, second-degree assault, two counts of unlawful use of a weapon, felon in possession of a firearm, and two counts of tampering with a witness. Deputy District Attorney Matt Wise prosecuted the case against the defendant before Judge Eric Butterfield.

On July 3, 2021, the defendant and his girlfriend hosted a party at her home located in Aloha, Oregon. After the party ended, the defendant confronted his girlfriend and became very angry with her. He physically assaulted her while screaming at the top of his lungs. The girlfriend's teenage daughter was in the home at the time of the assault.

The defendant then took the woman's cell phone without her permission and began going through it. At one point he called her cousin. An argument ensued over the phone and the defendant told the cousin to come to the house before he threatened to kill him.

About 20 minutes later, the girlfriend's cousin arrived at the house and knocked on the front door. Her daughter answered the door. The cousin took one step inside before the defendant opened fire on him with a handgun. The cousin was shot once with hollow point ammunition. He was severely wounded but made a full recovery. The events were captured on a home surveillance camera.

Deputies with the Washington County Sheriff's Office responded to the scene. Investigators matched bullets found in the victim to the defendant's weapon. While in custody at the Washington County Jail, the defendant also attempted to influence his girlfriend's testimony to affect the outcome of the trial.

The Washington County District Attorney's Office wishes to acknowledge the work of the Washington County Sheriff's Office and Detective Mark Povolny. This office also thanks Oregon State Police for their assistance.

A sentencing hearing is scheduled for May 19, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. The defendant will remain in custody until he is turned over to the Oregon Department of Corrections pending sentencing.