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Three men receive prison sentences for 2016 robbery in Southeast Portland

Today, Multnomah County District Attorney Rod Underhill announced that 49-year-old Anthony Arnold received an 85 month prison sentence for participating in an armed robbery with two others.

On April 23, 2019, the day his trial was scheduled to start, Arnold pleaded no contest to one count of robbery in the second degree, one count of burglary in the first degree, and one count of unlawful use of a weapon. By pleading no contest, Arnold stipulated there is sufficient evidence that would result in a jury or judge being able to convict him.

This investigation started on July 11, 2016 when Arnold and two other people were at a residence located in the 7300 block of Southeast Luther Road in Portland, Oregon using methamphetamine. A female, who was not criminally charged, drove all three suspects to a separate residence in the 7000 block of Southeast 66th Avenue where the men entered the dwelling.

Upon entering the home, Kristopher Knepper head-butted an adult male. Another suspect, Donald Livingston, held a gun to the man's head and demanded his keys, money, and cell phone. The third suspect, Arnold, got in the victim's face and yelled something to the effect of, "I thought you had more fight in you."

During the investigation, law enforcement learned that the robbery occurred two days earlier on July 9, 2016. Initially, law enforcement had very limited information about the suspects' identities. Detectives learned they went by the nicknames of "Kris," "Skinny" and "Raccoon."

During the course of the investigation, law enforcement was able to identify a phone number associated with "Kris" and determined it belonged to Knepper.

On May 21, 2017, Livingston pleaded guilty to one count of robbery in the second degree. He was sentenced to 70 months in prison. Upon release, Livingston will be on 36 months of post-prison supervision.

On May 26, 2017, Knepper pleaded guilty to one count of attempted robbery in the second degree. The court imposed a 42 month prison sentence. Upon release, Knepper will be on 18 months of post-prison supervision.

This was a carefully negotiated settlement, which was approved by the court.

The Multnomah County District Attorney's Office recognizes the work of the Portland Police Bureau's Robbery Unit for their dedicated efforts investigating this matter.

This case was litigated by Multnomah County Deputy District Attorney Kelley Rhoades.

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