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Sean Tester receives 130 month prison sentence after assaulting his mother in East Multnomah County

Today, Multnomah County District Attorney Rod Underhill announced that Sean Tester, 41, received a 130 month prison sentence after being convicted of assaulting his mother by repeatedly punching and kicking her face and body.

"This attack was deliberate, cruel and selfish. It lasted for up to an hour. The severity of the attack was particularly shocking. Mr. Tester's mother suffered life-altering injuries that included broken ribs, a fractured eye socket, numerous facial injuries, and extensive bruising across her body," said Multnomah County Senior Deputy District Attorney Traci Anderson, who prosecuted this case.

This investigation started on February 21, 2019 when members of the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office and members of the East Multnomah County Major Crimes Team responded to reports of a home invasion burglary in Corbett, Oregon. Deputies arrived on scene and located a 71 year old woman on the floor in a large pool of blood. Law enforcement secured the crime scene but located no signs of forced entry.

Deputies spoke with Tester who claimed he had returned home from a nearby tavern and located his mother badly injured.

During the investigation, law enforcement determined there was no evidence of a home invasion burglary. Tester later admitted to assaulting his mother.

On August 23, 2019, Tester appeared in Multnomah County Circuit Court and pleaded guilty to one count of assault in the first degree constituting domestic violence and one count of coercion constituting domestic violence. Tester also stipulated that by committing these crimes he violated his probation after being previously convicted of arson in the first degree and coercion.

The court imposed a 130 month prison sentence.

The primary responsibility of the Multnomah County District Attorney's Office Domestic Violence Unit is to prosecute felony and misdemeanor domestic violence cases. The DV Unit is also responsible for screening, issuing, negotiating, and prosecuting allegations of contempt of court for violations of a Family Abuse Prevention Act (FAPA) restraining order.

The Multnomah County District Attorney's Office Domestic Violence Unit is committed to ending family abuse. The unit engages in evidence-based prosecution of domestic violence. It emphasizes the importance of victim advocacy services for all victims and their children. Even when the prosecutor decides to proceed with a case without a victim's participation, every effort is made to offer the victim advocacy services from available resources.

The Multnomah County District Attorney's Office would like to recognize the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office Enforcement Unit and its Investigations Unit and the members of the East Multnomah County Major Crimes Team for their dedicated efforts investigating this case.

We would also like to acknowledge Victim Advocate Emily Hyde for the assistance and advocacy she provided to the victim and her family during the criminal justice process.

Resources:

- [Multnomah County District Attorney's Office: Victim Assistance Program](#): 503-988-3222
- [Call to Safety](#): 1-888-235-5333
- [The Gateway Center for Domestic Violence Services](#): 503-988-6400

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