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**Vanbueren Alexander Dormaier receives 52 month prison sentence after stealing multiple cars, crashing into police vehicle**

Today, Multnomah County District Attorney Rod Underhill announced that 33-year-old Vanbueren Alexander Dormaier received a 52 month prison sentence after he pleaded guilty to stealing multiple cars throughout Multnomah County before ultimately crashing into a police patrol SUV when he fled from officers.

“Mr. Dormaier put the public in extraordinary danger the three times he fled from police in these stolen vehicles,” said Multnomah County Deputy District Attorney Alexander Garcia, who prosecuted this case. “In one particular instance, Mr. Dormaier T-boned a vehicle that was occupied by two people. Our community members are substantially inconvenienced when their vehicles are stolen. Often – even when someone’s vehicle is recovered – the vehicle is so badly damaged that it is deemed totaled or no longer safe to operate.”

Dormaier pleaded guilty on November 8, 2019 to four counts of unauthorized use of a vehicle, two counts of recklessly endangering another person, one count of felony fleeing and attempting to elude, and one count of misdemeanor driving under the influence of intoxicants. In total, these eight criminal offenses encompass three separate criminal cases involving Dormaier.

On November 13, 2018, a woman reported her vehicle was stolen in the area of Southeast 151<sup>st</sup> Avenue and Southeast Stark Street in Portland, Oregon. The thief left behind a note, which read “Hope you won’t be angry with me.” Law enforcement determined Dormaier’s identity after flipping over that note and seeing that it had been written on paperwork from Clackamas County Circuit Court. An identification card with his name on it was also located nearby.

On November 17, 2018, a man reported his vehicle was stolen from the 3600 block of Northeast 162<sup>nd</sup> Avenue in Portland, Oregon. That same day, Portland Police responded to a T-bone crash involving the stolen vehicle near the intersection of Southeast 92<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and Southeast Morrison Street. Witnesses reported the crash occurred at speeds estimated to be 50-60 miles per hour. Dormaier was found in the driver’s seat of the stolen vehicle. He was transported to the hospital with serious injuries. At the hospital, it was determined Dormaier was under the influence of high levels of amphetamines and tetrahydrocannabinol (THC).

On April 12, 2019, a Portland Police Bureau officer ran the license plate of a vehicle he saw in the area of Southeast 153<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and Southeast Stark Street. The vehicle’s information came back as stolen. The officer attempted to conduct a traffic stop but Dormaier drove the vehicle into oncoming traffic at a high rate of speed. Due to the dangerousness of Dormaier’s driving, no pursuit was initiated and Dormaier evaded capture. Several hours later, a sergeant with the Portland Police Bureau saw that same stolen vehicle and attempted to conduct a second traffic stop. Dormaier fled by once again driving into oncoming traffic at a high rate of speed. Officers then located Dormaier and the vehicle he left unoccupied nearby. As officers attempted to take Dormaier into custody, Dormaier stole another vehicle and rammed that vehicle into a police patrol SUV. When the crash occurred, there was an officer standing close to the SUV attempting to take Dormaier into custody. That officer escaped injury by quickly jumping out of the way. Dormaier then backed up and rammed two parked vehicles before once again driving into oncoming traffic at a high rate of speed. Dormaier was later located in the area of Southeast 119<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Southeast Stark Street and taken into custody.

Dormaier was remanded to the custody of the Clackamas County Sheriff’s Office before starting his prison sentence.

The Multnomah County District Attorney’s Office encourages community members to take proactive steps to avoid becoming a car theft victim by:

- Avoid making your vehicle a target by removing all items and keeping it “showroom ready”
- Be careful about where you park; if able, park in a well-lit area
- Close all windows

- Consider adding a GPS tracking device to your vehicle
- Consider adding a vehicle disabling device to your vehicle
- Consider adding an in-vehicle camera that can be used in real-time to identify any persons inside the vehicle
- Keep your doors locked at all times, even when driving
- Never leave your car unattended in an effort to cool it down or heat it up
- Never leave your keys inside your vehicle after parking
- Use steering wheel locks

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