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**Man found guilty except for insanity after randomly attacking man in front of his wife, children**

Today, Multnomah County District Attorney Rod Underhill announced that a judge found 40-year-old Dameon Hoover-Rhodes guilty except for insanity for violently attacking a man with a machete in front of his wife and two children.

The court placed Hoover-Rhodes under the jurisdiction of the Oregon Psychiatric Security Review Board for up to 20 years.

Under Oregon law, a person is guilty except for insanity if, as a result of a qualifying mental disorder at the time of engaging in criminal conduct, they lack substantial capacity either to appreciate the criminality of the conduct or to conform the conduct to the requirements of law.

This investigation started on January 25, 2018 when Portland Police responded to the report of an assault at the International Longshore and Warehouse Union (ILWU) Local 8 Hall, located at 2435 Northwest Front Avenue.

As officers responded to the scene, they learned the victim had been randomly attacked and was being driven to the hospital by his wife.

During this investigation, law enforcement learned that the victim had exited the ILWU Local 8 Hall to meet his family with plans to go to dinner with them. As the victim exited, he briefly spoke with Hoover-Rhodes who appeared to be sleeping in a doorway.

Hoover-Rhodes chased the victim. As he attempted to flee, the victim started doing circles around the car in an attempt to get inside, but the doors were locked. The victim made a conscious decision to run away from the car and into the street because he didn't want to put his wife and two children in danger.

As the victim ran into the street, Hoover-Rhodes chased after him and struck him multiple times with the machete in the head.

The victim's wife backed her vehicle out of the parking lot in an attempt to follow and help her husband. As the vehicle's headlights illuminated her husband and Hoover-Rhodes in the roadway, the victim's wife and two children screamed out and pleaded that he not kill him.

As they did, Hoover-Rhodes stood over the victim, raised the machete over his head and swung down towards the victim who had fallen to the ground.

The victim blocked the machete from coming down on his head or neck by raising his arm. The machete's blade broke both bones in his arm.

At this point, the victim's wife got out of her vehicle and confronted Hoover-Rhodes who appeared startled. She picked up her husband who was critically injured, threw him into the backseat of her vehicle and drove him to the hospital.

"This was a horrific attack made worse by the fact that the victim's family watched everything unfold and could do little to help without putting themselves in extreme danger," said Multnomah County Deputy District Attorney Todd Jackson, who prosecuted this case. "The psychological trauma of witnessing your father being attacked and then having him thrown in the backseat of the car, covering the children in blood as their mother raced him to the hospital will be something these children will remember for the rest of their lives."

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As the victim's wife sped off to the hospital, Hoover-Rhodes took one final swing and broke one of the vehicle's windows.

The two children inside the vehicle were not injured.

The court found Hoover-Rhodes guilty except for insanity of one count of attempted murder and one count of unlawful use of a weapon.

The victim and his family were consulted throughout every stage of this prosecution and are supportive of this resolution.

The Multnomah County District Attorney's Office recognizes the Portland Police Bureau's Assault Detail for its dedicated efforts investigating this case.

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