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Home invasion suspect points gun at victim's head, pleads guilty and receives 10 year prison sentence

Today, Multnomah County District Attorney Rod Underhill announced that 24-year-old Joshua Weber, a resident of Yakima, Washington, changed his plea in Multnomah County Circuit Court and received a 10 year prison sentence after he eluded law enforcement, forced his way into a residence and then pointed a gun at the homeowner's head, which resulted in the East Metro Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Team to respond and take Weber into custody.

Law enforcement, including the U.S. Marshals Pacific Northwest Violent Offender Task Force, started looking for Weber on December 11, 2017 after he shot at two bail bondsmen in Yakima, Washington and then fled to Oregon.

On December 28, 2017, law enforcement learned that Weber and a female companion were at a motel in Troutdale, Oregon where they located a vehicle associated with Weber. Law enforcement started conducting surveillance and eventually saw the female and Weber leave the motel and start traveling westbound on Interstate 84.

The U.S. Marshals Pacific Northwest Violent Offender Task Force with assistance from the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office attempted a traffic stop but Weber refused to pull over. Shortly after exiting I-84, while being pursued by law enforcement, Weber caused a crash that resulted in two people being injured. He failed to stop – as required by law - and continued driving. He ultimately crashed his vehicle into a telephone pole in the 21800 block of Northeast Halsey Street where he ran away.

Law enforcement established a perimeter around Weber's last known location. While looking for Weber, a man exited his residence in the 600 block of Lincoln Street and said, "He's in here! He's in here! Help!"

Detectives assigned to the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office learned that after crashing, Weber ran to a nearby residence where he confronted a homeowner who had just let in his dog. Despite the homeowner attempting to close the door, Weber forced his way into the home. Once inside, Weber grabbed the 74 year old homeowner and pointed a gun at his head.

The man's wife was home and witnessed what happened. In response to having a gun pointed at him, the homeowner turned around and punched Weber who then ran into a bedroom, giving the man and his wife an opportunity to escape without further physical injury.

"This incident had a tremendous impact on the lives of all of the victims in this case and they will be dealing with that, likely, for the rest of their lives," said Multnomah County Deputy District Attorney Todd Jackson.

While inside the residence, Weber shot himself.

Law enforcement took Weber into custody without further incident or use of force. Law enforcement immediately started performing first aid. Weber was transported to a hospital to receive medical treatment for the self-inflicted gunshot wound.

On December 19, 2019, Weber pleaded guilty to one count of felony elude, two counts of assault in the fourth degree, one count of burglary in the first degree with a firearm and one count of unlawful use of a weapon with a firearm enhancement.

Upon his release, Weber will be on three years of post-prison supervision.

The Multnomah County District Attorney's Office recognizes the U.S. Marshals Pacific Northwest Violent Offender Task Force, the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office and the members of the East Metro SWAT Team members who responded to this incident and MCSO Detectives Daren Taber and Brad Robertson for their dedicated efforts investigating this case.

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