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**Joeway Umang Ngiratrang receives 80 month prison sentence following Strategic/Neighborhood Unit prosecution**

Today, Multnomah County District Attorney Rod Underhill announced that 33-year-old Joeway Umang Ngiratrang received an 80 month prison sentence for criminal behavior that he engaged in over a year that culminated with him pulling out a knife and chasing two people and threatening to kill them.

Ngiratrang pleaded guilty to eight counts of unlawful use of a weapon, four counts of burglary in the first degree, three counts of menacing, two counts of attempted assault in the second degree, one count of criminal mischief in the second degree, one count of criminal mischief in the first degree, four counts of recklessly endangering another person, and one count of unlawful entry into a motor vehicle.

Ngiratrang's change of pleas brings a conclusion to three separate criminal cases encompassing multiple criminal episodes.

These investigations started in February 2018 when Ngiratrang threatened a security guard with a knife when the security guard asked Ngiratrang and others to stop smoking on Legacy Good Samaritan Hospital property.

In December 2018, Ngiratrang approached a man and started chasing him with a knife. During the chase, the victim dropped his keys. The victim found his car vandalized and property missing from inside the vehicle when he returned.

On January 4, 2019, Ngiratrang returned to Legacy Good Samaritan Hospital. When security guards asked him to leave, he threw a bottle at them and then picked up a large rock and threw it at the head of one of the security guards.

After leaving the hospital, Ngiratrang approached a person standing outside a nearby bar in Northwest Portland. Without any warning, Ngiratrang started attacking the person. The victim was able to separate himself from Ngiratrang and started to run away. As the victim fled, Ngiratrang grabbed several rocks and threw them at the victim who sought shelter inside a nearby condominium building.

With the victim inside the building, Ngiratrang took the rocks, which were the size of golf balls, and threw them through multiple windows at the condominium building.

"The rocks were thrown with such great force that Mr. Ngiratrang nearly struck one of the residents inside the condo," said Multnomah County Senior Deputy District Attorney Nathan Vasquez, who prosecuted this case. "The damage was extensive and cost more than \$1,000 to replace the custom-sized windows."

Finally, on January 15, 2019, Ngiratrang randomly approached two people, pulled out a knife and started chasing them with the knife and threatened to kill them.

"Mr. Ngiratrang continued to pose a significant risk to our community with his escalating behavior that was seemingly random," said SDDA Vasquez. "This is a sentence takes into account significant aggravating factors and it protects the community from future harm."

The Multnomah County District Attorney's Office recognizes the Portland Police Bureau's Central Precinct Neighborhood Response Team and the PPB Central Precinct Street Crimes Unit for their dedicated efforts investigating these cases.

The Multnomah County District Attorney's Neighborhood/Strategic Prosecution Unit reviews cases that stem from neighborhood-specific concerns. The unit is primarily responsible for interfacing with the community over specific issues, and handles all types of cases across the criminal justice spectrum to include misdemeanors and homicides.

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