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Shane Dorn, Sr. receives prison sentence for setting U-Haul truck on fire, pushing former intimate partner down a set of stairs

Today, Multnomah County District Attorney Rod Underhill announced that 34-year-old Shane Dorn, Sr. pleaded guilty and received a 48 month prison sentence after he admitted to stealing multiple vehicles, including U-Haul trucks, and then setting fire to some of the passenger compartments. Dorn also admitted that in a separate incident he pushed a pregnant woman down a flight of stairs.

The court convicted Dorn of two counts of unauthorized use of a vehicle, one count of arson in the second degree, one count of aggravated theft in the first degree, one count of burglary in the second degree and one count of felony assault in the fourth degree constituting domestic violence.

“An unfortunate and all-too-common side effect of domestic violence is the lasting impact an offender’s conduct has on the victim even when the abuse has ended. This case was particularly concerning because the victim was pregnant when Mr. Dorn assaulted her,” said Multnomah County Deputy District Attorney Devin Franklin, who prosecuted the domestic violence case. “While the state is happy to report she and her infant son are healthy and doing well, the emotional and physical side effects of domestic violence will take time to overcome. This resolution is an important step for the victim and her family as they work toward recovery.”

“I haven’t seen a crime spree of this intensity in recent memory,” said Multnomah County Deputy District Attorney Eric Collins, who prosecuted the arson and property crimes case. “Mr. Dorn would steal the keys to these U-Haul trucks, take them for a short period of time and then set fire to the passenger compartment using some sort of an accelerant in an attempt to burn away any evidence.”

During this investigation, law enforcement determined Dorn stole seven vehicles over the course of three weeks.

By changing his plea, Dorn admitted that on May 24, 2019: he stole a vehicle belonging to U-Haul; that on May 29, 2019: he intentionally set fire to a separate stolen vehicle, which had a value of more than \$10,000; that on May 30, 2019: he stole another U-Haul truck; and that on June 5, 2019: he unlawfully entered a business in the 3700 block of West Powell Loop in Gresham, Oregon.

Dorn also admitted to pushing his former intimate partner down a flight of stairs on March 27, 2019 at a residence in Gresham. At the time she was assaulted, the victim was 27 weeks pregnant with Dorn’s child. The victim went to the hospital, where staff treated her for an injury to her wrist.

Court imposed sentence in State v. Dorn
• 48 months in prison;
• Three years’ post-prison supervision;
• One year Oregon DMV revocation;
• Restitution in the amount of \$7,803.05;
• Five years of formal Domestic Violence probation;
• Comply with all conditions of probation as outlined in ORS 137.540;
• Comply with all special conditions of DV Probation (click here for additional information);
• No contact with the victim in the domestic violence case;
• No contact with the victim's family unless authorized by the probation department;
• Attend and complete the Batterers' Intervention Program;
• Complete a drug and alcohol evaluation and complete any recommended treatment;
• Complete a mental health evaluation and complete any recommended treatment;
• Comply with any probation department recommendation for GPS monitoring.

The Multnomah County District Attorney's Office recognizes Gresham Police Detective Brandon Crate, Portland Police Detective and Arson Investigator Meredith Hopper, PPB Officer Jeffrey Shearer and PPB Officer Mark Johnson for their dedicated efforts investigating these two cases.

The Multnomah County District Attorney's 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 a 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.

A photo of one of the U-Haul trucks from this case is being included with this press release.

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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