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**Ervan Herring sentenced to 126 months in prison for attempting to kill rival gang member at Legacy Emanuel Medical Center**

Today, Multnomah County District Attorney Rod Underhill announced that 46-year-old Ervan Ronell Herring received a 126 month prison sentence for the attempted murder of a rival gang member at Legacy Emanuel Medical Center.

“Ervan Ronell Herring’s criminal record reflects a life deeply rooted in a culture of gang violence that he has helped create and perpetuate for the past three decades,” said Multnomah County Senior Deputy District Attorney Nathan Vasquez, who prosecuted this case. “It is impossible to quantify the amount of trauma the community has suffered because of Mr. Herring’s extensive involvement in gang and gun violence. On February 18, 2018, Mr. Herring converted a hospital – a place of healing, tranquility and care – into a crime scene.”

This investigation started on February 18, 2018, when Portland Police responded to reports of a shooting in the emergency room parking lot of Legacy Emanuel Medical Center. Upon arrival, law enforcement located six spent handgun shell casings as well as multiple bullet strikes near the public entrance to the emergency room.

During the investigation, law enforcement determined that Herring and his brother saw a rival gang member in one of the hospital’s parking lots.

Herring retrieved the gun used in this crime from his brother.

After the shooting, an independent witness reported seeing the suspect, later identified as Herring, run to a vehicle and leave the area. The witness was able to provide law enforcement with the vehicle’s license plate, which came back to a rental vehicle in the name of Herring’s wife.

The co-defendant in this case, Michael Herring, was acquitted at trial. He is, however, currently pending trial in U.S. District Court on gun charges related to this shooting investigation.

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The Multnomah County District Attorney's Office recognizes Portland Police Bureau Detective Brent Christensen and Portland Police Officer Charles Asheim for their dedicated efforts investigating this case.

The Multnomah County District Attorney's Office works closely with the City of Portland's Office of Youth Violence Prevention and attends the bi-weekly Community Peace Collaborative meeting, which is a coalition of law enforcement, service providers and community members who are focused on encouraging people to take a stand against gun violence.

In August 2017, the Portland Area Crime Gun Initiative was formed in partnership the U.S. Attorney's Office, Portland Police Bureau, Gresham Police Department, Multnomah County Sheriff's Office, Multnomah County District Attorney's Office, Oregon State Police, Oregon State Crime Lab, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and the ATF.

The Portland Area Crime Gun Initiative works with its partners to prevent violent crime by identifying perpetrators, linking criminal activities, and identifying sources of crime guns for immediate disruption, investigation, and prosecution.

For more information on the Portland Area Crime Gun Initiative, please click [here](#).

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