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Jason James Johnson receives 72 month prison sentence for repeatedly committing property and person crimes throughout Portland

Today, Multnomah County District Attorney Rod Underhill announced that 48-year-old Jason James Johnson received a 72 month prison sentence, pursuant to Oregon law, for his repeated convictions for person and property crimes, which culminated with him trying to push his way into a home causing the resident to become significantly afraid of serious physical injury.

“Jason James Johnson had a considerable and disproportionate impact on our community,” said Multnomah County Deputy District Attorney Kevin Demer, who prosecuted this case. “His criminal history is extensive. Over the years, Mr. Johnson’s conduct has escalated from vandalizing TriMet property, to attacking community members, and tampering with witnesses. He has caused substantial fear and trauma in our community and continues to do so even after being provided resources.”

After changing his plea, the court convicted Johnson of one count of robbery in the third degree and one count of burglary in the first degree.

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

As part of the pretrial negotiations, and the significant prison sentence imposed on this case, the state agreed not to pursue additional charges for conduct Johnson could be held criminally liable.

By changing his plea, Johnson stipulated that the state has sufficient evidence that a judge or jury could find him guilty had the case gone to trial. By changing his plea, Johnson stipulated that the state has sufficient evidence that a judge or jury could find him guilty had the case gone to trial. The state would have been prepared to show Johnson, on multiple occasions, threatened his victims when he attempted to get either money, beer, cigarettes, and/or cans.

Many of the robberies and burglaries occurred in front of the victims’ homes or businesses.

- November of 2017 – Johnson threatened a homeowner when the victim refused to give him cans;

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- January of 2018 – Johnson threatened a woman and her husband when they refused to give him money;
- September of 2018 – Johnson approached a man at a business along Northeast Sandy Boulevard and demanded cigarettes and beer. When he was refused, he threatened the man and other employees and attempted to force open the door;
- October of 2018 – Johnson demanded \$1,000 from a homeowner and erroneously claimed that the homeowner damaged his bike. Johnson threatened the victim and attempted to force his way into the victim’s residence.

The Multnomah County District Attorney’s Office communicated regularly with the victims about the pretrial negotiations. They are all in full support and are satisfied with this case resolution.

The Multnomah County District Attorney’s Office recognizes the Portland Police Bureau’s Central Precinct Neighborhood Response Team, in particular, Officer Matt Jacobsen, for his dedicated efforts investigating this case.

The mission of the Portland Police Bureau [Neighborhood Response Team Program](#) is to solve chronic problems related to crime, nuisance, and livability issues.

This case was litigated by the Multnomah County District Attorney’s Office Strategic Prosecution and Services Unit, which 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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