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Seventh conviction announced as part of the Untested Sexual Assault Kit Project

Today, Multnomah County District Attorney Rod Underhill announced the seventh conviction as part of the Multnomah County District Attorney's Untested Sexual Assault Kit Project.

Donny Willis, 52, received a 180 month prison sentence after pleading guilty to one count of rape in the first degree and one count of sodomy in the first degree.

This incident occurred on May 27, 2007 at a motel in Portland, Oregon. At the time, the victim was 31 years old and Willis was 39 years old.

The sexual assault kit in this matter was tested in 2017.

This case was prosecuted by Multnomah County Deputy District Attorney Tara Gardner.

COVID-19 Notice: *The health and well-being of all employees and community members we serve is a top priority for the Multnomah County District Attorney. Our office is working with the court, defense bar, local law enforcement and other system partners to carefully balance the needs of public health and public safety.*

For information about the operational changes implemented by the District Attorney's Office in response to the novel coronavirus, please [click here](#).

Untested Sexual Assault Kit Elimination Project

In 2015, Multnomah County District Attorney Rod Underhill, along with the Portland Police Bureau, Gresham Police Department, Multnomah County Sheriff's Office and the Oregon State Police Forensic Laboratory collaboratively initiated a project to process thousands of untested Sexual Assault Forensic Evidence (SAFE) kits in Multnomah, Marion and Lane counties.

District Attorney Underhill and others quickly identified funding from the New York County District Attorney's Office (DANY) and worked collectively with the Portland Police Bureau's Sex Crimes Unit after the City of Portland received a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice's Bureau of Justice Assistance's (BJA) Sexual Assault Kit Initiative Grant Program.

DANY awarded the Multnomah County District Attorney's Office a total of \$1,995,453 in September 2015. Using those funds, a coordinated effort involving local law enforcement and the Oregon State

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Police was launched to send SAFE kits, dated 2014 or older from Multnomah, Lane and Marion counties, to a private lab in Utah for testing.

Under the DANY grant, nearly 3,000 sexual assault kits from around the state were tested.

In 2018, Oregon became one of the first five states in the country to clear its backlog of Sexual Assault Forensic Examination (SAFE) kits.

In Oregon, Senate Bill 1571, known as "Melissa's Law," was the Oregon Legislature's response to ensuring all sexual assault kits, except for anonymous kits, are sent to the Oregon State Crime Laboratory for timely testing.

The Portland Police Bureau's Sexual Assault Kit Initiative Workgroup, which was created in 2015, is comprised of victim-centered and trauma-informed members of the Portland Police Bureau and the Multnomah County District Attorney's Office.

Results from the kits continue to be investigated and survivors of sexual assaults are being notified. The Portland Police Bureau's Sex Crimes Unit encourages those who have had a SAFE kit collected prior to 2015 to contact the roseproject@portlandoregon.gov or 503-823-0125.

Current Multnomah County SAFE kit criminal cases (as of March 17, 2020)

- State of Oregon vs Jihad Eldeen Moore - 18CR13996 – Convicted in October of 2018
- State of Oregon vs Chanh Van Tran - 18CR25167 - Convicted in November of 2018
- State of Oregon vs Curtis Clint Williams - 17CR37474 - Convicted in June of 2018
- State of Oregon vs Steven Guy Tubbs - 17CR08640 - Convicted in August of 2018
- State of Oregon vs Jose Oscar Rosales - 17CR29317 - Convicted in February of 2018
- State of Oregon vs Ricky Alexander Harrison - 18CR59141 - Pending arraignment
- State of Oregon vs Richard Timothy Ward – 19CR25495 - Pending arraignment
- State of Oregon vs Jesse Ryan Moser – 19CR53575 – Pending trial
- State of Oregon vs Donnie Michael Willis Jr. – 19CR55777 – Convicted in March of 2020
- State of Oregon vs Leslie L. Thornton – 11-11-34868 – Pending trial
- State of Oregon vs State of Oregon vs Timothy Nathaniel Hogue - 11-11-34868 – Pending trial
- State of Oregon vs Frank Domont Hall Jr. – 19CR77675 – Pending trial

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