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Suspect in I-84 pursuit, shooting & carjacking charged in Multnomah County Circuit Court

Today, Multnomah County District Attorney Rod Underhill announced that 26-year-old Grayson Morris was charged with one count of robbery in the first degree with a firearm, one count of unlawful use of a vehicle with a firearm, one count of felony attempting to elude a police officer, one count of reckless driving and one count of recklessly endangering another person.

Yesterday, law enforcement booked Morris into the Multnomah County Detention Center on charges that included four counts of attempted aggravated murder.

The East Multnomah County Major Crimes Team has referred the attempted aggravated murder charges to law enforcement in Hood River County for investigative follow up, which is the jurisdiction where detectives have determined that Morris allegedly fired at Oregon State Police (OSP) troopers during a high speed pursuit along Interstate 84.

The East Multnomah County Major Crimes Team consists of representatives from the Multnomah County District Attorney's Office, the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office, the Gresham Police Department, the Oregon State Police and the Port of Portland.

According to court documents filed by the Multnomah County District Attorney's Office, Morris was wanted in connection with the murder of his father in Ritzville, Washington. He was located by OSP in Hood River County. Troopers attempted to conduct a traffic stop, but Morris fled westbound on I-84 and reached speeds of more than 100 miles per hour.

During the pursuit, while still in Hood River County, Morris fired his firearm repeatedly out the window, according to court documents. The troopers perceived he was firing at them.

After the pursuit entered Multnomah County, Morris' vehicle ran out of gas. He exited his vehicle and approached the door of a vehicle driven by another individual.

According to court documents, the driver of that vehicle told detectives he saw police lights behind him and pulled over to allow the vehicles to pass. While stopped, the driver reported he saw a person, later identified as Morris, approach his vehicle with a rifle in his hand.

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Morris forced the man from his car, stealing it at gunpoint, and then drove in the victim's vehicle westbound on I-84 once again eluding law enforcement, according to court documents.

Once the pursuit ended, law enforcement recovered a .30 caliber rifle from the vehicle Morris was stopped in, according to court documents.

This case is being investigated by the East County Major Crimes Team.

No additional information can be released by the Multnomah County District Attorney's Office at this time pursuant to the Oregon Rules of Professional Conduct.

Like in all criminal and civil matters, electronic copies of court documents, which are not subject to a protective order, are available to the public through the Oregon eCourt Information (OECI) system.

A charging document is only an accusation of a crime. Morris is innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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