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Jason Stewart receives a 120 month prison sentence for attacking two women in the Pearl District

Today, Multnomah County District Attorney Rod Underhill announced that 37-year-old Jason Stewart received a 120 month prison sentence after he attacked two women in the Pearl District.

This case was prosecuted by Multnomah County Deputy District Attorneys Melissa Marrero and Sean Hughey.

This investigation started on January 6, 2019 when police received information about an in-progress disturbance in the 1500 block of Northwest 14th Avenue in Portland, Oregon. When police arrived, they contacted an adult female who told them that a stranger, later identified as Stewart, attacked and kissed her as she entered her apartment building after smoking a cigarette.

Stewart then followed the woman inside the apartment building, pulled her from her actual apartment unit and then dragged her down the hallway. While being attacked, the woman screamed for help when another resident stepped out of his apartment with a baseball bat. Stewart then ran from the scene, but was located after police arrived.

During the investigation, law enforcement learned that Stewart approached another female and grabbed her face and neck while she entered the apartment building.

In February of 2020, Stewart pleaded guilty to one count of kidnapping in the second degree, one count of burglary in the first degree and one count of coercion.

By pleading guilty, Stewart admitted that he unlawfully entered or unlawfully remained in the victim's residence with the intent to commit the crime of sexual abuse; that he intentionally and substantially interfered with the victim's personal liberty by moving her from one place to another; and that he – with the threat of physical violence – compelled and induced the other female victim into engaging in conduct for which she had a legal right to abstain.

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The Multnomah County District Attorney's Office communicated with both victims about the pretrial negotiations that occurred in this case to ensure they were fully informed.

The Multnomah County District Attorney's Office recognizes Portland Police Officers Jeffrey Livingston, David Arnaut Jr. and Detective Pandora Parks for their dedicated efforts investigating this case.

We also recognize DA Victim Advocates Julie Jacobs and Souk Kanhalikham for the support and advocacy they provided the victims throughout this case.

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