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Gary Wayne Streeter-Hillerich receives 20 year prison sentence for 'horrific' attack in SE Portland

Today, Multnomah County District Attorney Rod Underhill announced Gary Wayne Streeter-Hillerich, 21, received a 20 year prison sentence for randomly kidnapping and raping a woman in Southeast Portland in October 2017.

"The state's view on this 20 year [prison] sentence reflects the horrific nature of this case," said Multnomah County Deputy District Attorney Todd Jackson, who prosecuted the case.

On October 15, 2017, Portland Police responded to the area of Southeast 7th Avenue and Southeast Grand Street and located a woman who reported she had been kidnapped, violently assaulted, raped and robbed by a man she did not know.

The investigation revealed the woman boarded a TriMet bus in downtown Portland in the evening hours. The bus travelled into inner Southeast Portland. A man, later identified as Streeter-Hillerich, exited the bus simultaneously with the woman. The defendant followed her as she walked down Southeast Grand Street.

Streeter-Hillerich brutally grabbed the woman by her mouth and throat and pushed her against a concrete wall. He pushed her into a bushy area and hit her head against the wall multiple times after she said she didn't have any money. Streeter-Hillerich threatened to stab the woman if she yelled for help.

"Following the rape, he went through her purse, took her phone and said 'Wait here for five minutes. Don't call the police because if you do, I'll hurt you,'" Jackson said in court at the time of sentencing. "Shortly thereafter, she emerged from the bushes, disheveled, debris in her hair, and completely traumatized."

Detectives with the Portland Police Bureau's Sex Crimes Unit were assigned and launched an immediate investigation. Surveillance video from the TriMet bus was obtained. An image of the suspect was distributed to law enforcement. Multnomah County Parole and Probation Officers immediately recognized the suspect as being Streeter-Hillerich and contacted PPB detectives.

Forensic testing conducted by the Oregon State Police Crime Lab confirmed Streeter-Hillerich's DNA was present on the victim in multiple locations.

Streeter-Hillerich was apprehended, without incident, on November 2, 2017.

"This case presents what can be described as a worst nightmare situation," Jackson said at sentencing.

Streeter-Hillerich will have to register as a sex offender and upon his release from prison, be on 11.5 years of post-prison supervision.

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