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Robert Lee West pleads guilty to kidnapping, killing his wife

Today, Multnomah County District Attorney Rod Underhill announced 29-year-old Robert Lee West pleaded guilty to manslaughter in the first degree constituting domestic violence and kidnapping in the first degree constituting domestic violence.

The change of plea occurred before Multnomah County Circuit Court Judge Christopher A. Ramras.

West was booked into the Multnomah County Detention Center on October 2, 2017 following the death of Lila Streeter. During the investigation, law enforcement learned that Ms. Streeter and the defendant were married.

According to a probable cause affidavit, on October 2, 2017, officers with the Portland Police Bureau responded to a residence in the 17200 block of Southeast Alder Street in Portland, Oregon to conduct a welfare check on Ms. Streeter. Upon arrival, law enforcement located evidence that suggested Ms. Streeter may have been injured. The officers attempted to contact the defendant who refused to comply with numerous requests to let them check on Ms. Streeter. A plan was developed to have the Portland Police Bureau's Special Emergency Response Team (SERT) enter the residence and take the defendant into custody.

Law enforcement found Ms. Streeter in a bedroom. She was pronounced dead at the scene.

The Oregon State Medical Examiner's Office determined the cause of Ms. Streeter's death to be blunt force trauma, which included injuries to her head, neck and abdomen.

By pleading guilty to manslaughter in the first degree, the defendant is admitting that he recklessly, under circumstances manifesting extreme indifference to the value of human life, caused the death of Ms. Streeter. By pleading guilty to kidnapping in the first degree, the defendant is admitting that he knowingly confined his wife, Ms. Streeter, without her consent, in their home for the purpose of causing her physical injury.

The family of Ms. Streeter was consulted and updated regularly throughout the plea negotiation process. They believe this to be an appropriate resolution to this case.

Sentencing is scheduled for January 18, 2018 at 3 p.m. before Judge Ramras. Upon the conclusion of sentencing, additional information from the District Attorney's Office may be released.

This case was prosecuted by Multnomah County Senior Deputy District Attorney Traci Anderson, who supervises the Domestic Violence Unit for the District Attorney's Office, and Multnomah County Deputy District Attorney Devin Franklin.

The DV Unit is responsible for handling domestic violence felony and misdemeanor cases. The DV Unit is also responsible for screening, issuing, negotiating, and prosecuting allegations of contempt of court for violations of a Family Abuse Prevention Act (FAPA) restraining order. The DV Unit is committed to stopping family abuse by proceeding with prosecution whenever legally possible.

Resources:

- [Multnomah County District Attorney's Office: Victim Assistance Program](#): 503-988-3222
- [Call to Safety](#): 1-888-235-5333
- [The Gateway Center for Domestic Violence Services](#): 503-988-6400

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