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### **'Porch Pirate' pleads no contest, will receive prison sentence for stealing packages**

Today, Multnomah County District Attorney Rod Underhill announced Maksym Bonarov, 29, was convicted of three counts of felony computer crimes, two counts of theft in the first degree and one count of recklessly endangering another after pleading no contest following an investigation into packages being stolen in Multnomah County.

The defendant was a contract driver for a national online-based delivery service, as stated in court during today's plea and sentencing before Judge Kenneth R. Walker.

Multnomah County Deputy District Attorney Kevin Demer, who prosecuted this case, told the court Mr. Bonarov would steal packages from the front doorway of homes along his delivery routes.

Demer informed the court that Mr. Bonarov would then list the items inside those packages on a website that allows users to buy and sell items through its mobile app.

As stated in court on Wednesday, Mr. Bonarov was sentenced to three years of formal probation. He will appear before Judge Walker on December 4, 2018 at 9 a.m. and will be sentenced to 16 months of prison.

"He's been extremely remorseful," Demer said in court. "He was helpful to the police."

Mr. Bonarov allowed police to recover packages from his house and search the app that he used during the commission of these crimes.

This case was investigated by the Portland Police Bureau's Detective Coordination Team, and they are supportive of the resolution.

The Multnomah County District Attorney's Office would like to offer the following tips to avoid having your packages stolen:

- Utilize any tracking services your courier may provide
- Request a signature be obtained on delivery
- If possible, ensure delivery when you or someone you trust will be available to accept the package
- If possible, request that the package be held at a distribution center for later pick up
- Request that packages be delivered to a place of employment, if permitted
- Notify neighbors about any expected deliveries and request that they accept or pick up any left behind package
- Purchase and install high quality surveillance video system for your home's exterior
- If living in an apartment or condominium, request packages not be left in a public corridor
- Report any suspicious behavior or activity in your neighborhood

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