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Richard Graham receives 100 month prison sentence for physically and sexually assaulting woman

Today, Multnomah County District Attorney Rod Underhill announced that 59-year-old Richard Graham was sentenced to 100 months in prison for physically and sexually assaulting a woman.

On February 19, 2019, Graham appeared before Multnomah County Circuit Court Judge Kelly Skye where he changed his plea and was convicted of one count of unlawful sexual penetration in the first degree constituting domestic violence, one count of assault in the fourth degree constituting domestic violence and one count of strangulation constituting domestic violence.

This investigation started last winter when the victim was treated for significant bodily injuries caused by the defendant.

The case was assigned to the Portland Police Bureau's Family Services Division. During the investigation, law enforcement learned that the abuse occurred inside a recreational vehicle, and that Graham has prior convictions for felony domestic violence assault.

"After several hours of significant and repeated abuse and trauma, this courageous woman escaped the RV and hid in bushes until daylight," Multnomah County Senior Deputy District Attorney Traci Anderson, who prosecuted this case, said after sentencing. "When morning came, she ran to a bus to get help."

As a result of the abuse inflicted by Graham, the victim endured multiple surgeries and continues to have lasting physical and emotional trauma.

Judge Skye sentenced Graham to 100 months in prison. He will only receive credit for time served.

The Multnomah County District Attorney's Office recognizes the work of the Portland Police Bureau for the dedicated efforts investigating this case.

This case was litigated by the Domestic Violence Unit within the Multnomah County District Attorney's Office.

The primary responsibility of the DV Unit is to prosecute all felony and misdemeanor domestic violence cases. The relationships between the victim and offenders are both intimate partner violence (IPV) and non-intimate partner violence (NIPV). The DV Unit is 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 ending family abuse. This unit engages in evidence-based prosecution of domestic violence. It emphasizes the importance of victim advocacy services for all victims and their children. Even when the prosecutor decides to proceed with a case without a victim's participation, every effort is made to offer the victim advocacy services from available resources.

Resources:

- [Multnomah County District Attorney's Office: Victims' Rights Guide](#)
- [Multnomah County District Attorney's Office: Thinking About Safety Planning](#)
- [Multnomah County Family Violence Coordinating Council: Domestic Violence Resource | Phone Numbers](#)
- [Multnomah County Victim Assistance Program: 503-988-3222](#)

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