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### **Former delivery driver receives prison sentence for stealing hundreds of Amazon packages**

Today, Multnomah County District Attorney Rod Underhill announced 34-year-old Heriberto Villarino-Zamora received a 1.5 year prison sentence and was ordered to repay \$50,000 for stealing hundreds of Amazon packages.

On November 7, 2018, Villarino-Zamora pleaded guilty to one count of aggravated theft in the first degree.

This investigation started in December 2017 when detectives assigned to the Portland Police Bureau were working a concentrated mission on people suspected of selling stolen property using the website and smartphone application "OfferUp."

As part of the investigation, a search warrant was conducted at a residence in the 1300 block of Northwest Wonderview Drive in Gresham, Oregon. During the investigation, law enforcement located two vehicles full of stolen packages sent from Amazon to addresses throughout Oregon.

At the residence, law enforcement located more than 200 packages either in the original Amazon shipping packaging or still in the original brand-new box.

"After law enforcement arrested Heriberto Villarino-Zamora, Amazon was able to see the very next day the number of package thefts occurring in the metropolitan area drop drastically," Multnomah County Deputy District Attorney Kevin Demer said after Monday's sentencing.

The investigation resulted in law enforcement identifying approximately 300 victims throughout Oregon who had their packages stolen. Detectives determined Villarino-Zamora had stolen Amazon packages for several months prior to his arrest and that he purchased stolen packages from other delivery drivers.

As stated previously in court documents, the defendant, as a contracted driver for Amazon, would sell the stolen items using OfferUp.

It is difficult to determine the total value of packages stolen beyond what was found at the residence, but DDA Demer said the value is somewhere between \$100,000 and \$200,000.

This negotiated settlement was reached after the District Attorney's Office reviewed mitigating factors to include the defendant's lack of criminal record, his desire to cooperate with the investigation and his willingness to immediately accept responsibility for his actions.

Villarino-Zamora will be on two years of post-prison supervision upon his release.

The Multnomah County District Attorney's Office recognizes the work of the Portland Police Bureau's Detective Coordination Team for their dedicated efforts on this case.

Photos of evidence recovered during this investigation, which were previously filed with the court, are being included with this media release.

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