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Shooting caught on camera at TriMet MAX platform in NE Portland results in five year prison sentence

Today, Multnomah County District Attorney Rod Underhill announced that 60-year-old Michael Adams received a five year prison sentence for shooting a man in spring of 2018.

Adams pleaded guilty to one count of attempted assault in the second degree with a firearm and unlawful use of a weapon with a firearm enhancement.

This investigation started on May 29, 2018 when law enforcement responded to the 82nd Avenue MAX platform, located in the 1500 block of Northeast 82nd Avenue.

"This shooting happened on the sidewalk inches away from innocent bystanders," Multnomah County Deputy District Attorney Eric Zimmerman, who prosecuted this case, said after sentencing, which was held February 7, 2019. "This shooting stands out not only because it happened during the day, but because Michael Adams, after shooting the victim, tucks his gun into his waistband and walks away like nothing happened."

When officers arrived, they found community members, including a TriMet bus driver, keeping the area clear so others could provide medical assistance to the victim before law enforcement and paramedics arrived. The victim suffered a non-life threatening gunshot wound to the leg.

Officers worked closely with TriMet to obtain high-definition surveillance video that captured the entire incident.

The video shows the victim walking northbound on Northeast 82nd Avenue in front of a TriMet bus stop. Adams is recorded on video walking up behind the victim and confronting him. During the investigation, law enforcement learned that Adams was upset with the victim over an unpaid debt.

When law enforcement arrested Adams on August 1, 2018, they found a .38 caliber revolver strapped to his waist, Adams told law enforcement that he knew he wasn't supposed to have a gun because he was a convicted felon. Adams also told law enforcement that he shot the victim "to send a message" and that shooting the victim was "street justice."

"The law doesn't allow us to take justice into our own hands and shoot people...this was not a self-defense case, and I do think this is an appropriate sentence under the circumstances," Multnomah County Circuit Court Judge Karin Immergut said during the sentencing hearing.

This case was resolved through a carefully negotiated settlement. The District Attorney's Office took into account mitigating factors that included Adams' remorse and cooperation with law enforcement.

The Multnomah County District Attorney's Office recognizes the dedicated work of the Transit Division Police, Portland Police Officer Aaron Dauchy and PPB Gun Task Force Detectives Joseph Corona and Joseph Churella and TriMet for their dedicated efforts investigating this case.

Two still images from the video surveillance, which shows Adams holding his gun after the shooting, are included with this press release.

This case was litigated by the Strategic Prosecution Unit within the Multnomah County District Attorney's Office, which reviews cases that stem from neighborhood-specific concerns. The unit is primarily responsible for meeting with the community over specific issues, and handles all types of cases across the criminal justice spectrum to include misdemeanors and homicides. DDA Zimmerman, who is assigned to SPU, works specifically with TriMet to handle all

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cases that have a direct TriMet nexus. This allows DDA Zimmerman to become intimately involved with crime trends occurring around the state's largest public transportation organization and allows DDA Zimmerman to make recommendations to law enforcement and the agency when it comes to addressing public safety. DDA Zimmerman also serves as a liaison for other DDAs in the District Attorney's Office and can help answer questions that involve TriMet matters.

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