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**Ervan Herring convicted of attempting to kill rival gang member at Legacy Emanuel Medical Center**

Today, Multnomah County District Attorney Rod Underhill announced that 41-year-old Ervan Herring was convicted of one count of attempted murder with a firearm, one count of attempted assault in the first degree with a firearm, two counts of unlawful use of a weapon with a firearm, and one count of being a felon in possession of a firearm.

This investigation started on February 18, 2018, when Portland Police responded to reports of a shooting in the emergency room parking lot of Legacy Emanuel Medical Center.

Upon arrival, law enforcement located six spent handgun shell casings as well as multiple bullet strikes near the public entrance to the emergency room, according to evidence presented at trial.

The co-defendant in this case, 43-year-old Michael Herring, is currently pending trial in U.S. District Court on gun charges related to this shooting investigation.

During the five-day trial, the state presented evidence to show that Ervan Herring and Michael Herring were at Legacy Emanuel Medical Center on February 18, 2018, and that when the two men, who are brothers, saw a rival gang member in the parking lot, Ervan Herring retrieved the gun used in this crime from his brother.

In the interest of community safety, the Multnomah County District Attorney's Office is not identifying the rival gang member who was the intended target of the shooting.

After the shooting, an independent witness reported seeing the suspect, later identified as Ervan Herring, run to a black Mercedes Benz and flee the area. The witness was able to provide law enforcement with the vehicle's license plate, which came back to a rental vehicle in the name of Ervan Herring's wife.

Multnomah County Senior Deputy District Attorney Nathan Vasquez, who prosecuted this case along with Deputy District Attorney Nicole Bockelman, told the jury that Ervan Herring and Michael Herring had a decades' long "blood vendetta" against the victim in this case after the victim shot and killed Mario Herring, their younger brother, in 1997. That individual pleaded guilty to one count of manslaughter in the first degree and served a 16 year prison.

Sentencing for Ervan Herring is scheduled for June 28, 2019.

The Multnomah County District Attorney's Office will have no additional information to release until sentencing.

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