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**PRESS RELEASE**  
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The Jackson County District Attorney's Office announced this afternoon that John Eric Young pled guilty today to three counts of Robbery in the First Degree, one count of Assault in the Second Degree, one count of Assault in the Third Degree, one count of Failure to Perform Duties of a Driver to an Injured Person, one count of Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle and one count of Driving while Under the Influence of Intoxicants. Young was sentenced today to 298 months in the Oregon Department of Corrections with 3 years of post-prison supervision.

On November 9, 2017, at 3:47 pm, law enforcement responded to an armed robbery at the Chase Bank on 601 Crater Lake Avenue. Young entered the bank with a mask on and demanded cash from the teller, which he was given. While in the bank, Young, armed with a screwdriver, demanded a man's keys and money, and stabbed the man in the arm when he refused. After exiting the bank, Young ran northbound into the parking lot of the nearby First Baptist Church. There, Young grabbed a knife and threatened an employee with the knife; demanding the keys to the vehicle. Young was refused and turned his attention to a vehicle that had just entered the parking lot. Young entered that man's vehicle, stabbed him and demanded he get out, and then drove away. Young abandoned the vehicle shortly thereafter and fled on foot.

At 8:00 pm, law enforcement received a report of a crashed vehicle in Gold Hill. Deputy located Young who matched the description of the person who had crashed the vehicle. Young saw Deputy and took off running. At the time of contact, Young had a backpack with him that contained approximately \$3,000. Young also had \$700 cash in his pocket. Young was given field sobriety tests and failed. Young was found to be under the influence of a controlled substance. Law enforcement located money, clothing worn during the bank robbery and other evidence linking Young to the robberies.

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