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Michael Koch-Prosser
Jackson County Circuit Court # 15CR00470

On September 9, 2015, co-defendant Michael Koch-Prosser pled guilty to Attempted Murder, Conspiracy to Commit Murder, Assault in the First Degree, and Conspiracy to Commit Abuse of a Corpse in the First Degree in front of Judge Tim Barnack in the Jackson County Circuit Court. Koch-Prosser received the maximum sentence of 10 years prison on the charge of Conspiracy to Commit Murder. He was also ordered to serve Measure 11 sentences of 90 months prison on the charges of Attempted Murder and Assault in the First Degree. He additionally received an upward departure sentence of 6 months on the Conspiracy to Commit Abuse of a Corpse. Due to Oregon Law the sentences will run concurrently to each other.

Koch-Prosser's plea related to an incident occurring on January 3, 2015. On that date, Koch-Prosser and codefendant Eric Henshaw were arrested for breaking into the victim's home, a relative of Henshaw, and assaulting her with an airsoft gun and a knife. The victim was stabbed multiple times before she managed to escape and call for help. The suspects were later located at a movie theater in Medford where they were arrested. The subsequent investigation by Talent Police Department and other local agencies revealed a premeditated plan to murder the victim and have sex with her corpse before disposing of her body. The victim survived and is recovering from her injuries.

The victim spoke at sentencing and relayed the extreme physical and emotional pain these crimes have caused, both to her and her family. The victim has requested that the media not release her name, for the purposes of maintaining privacy.

The codefendant, Eric Henshaw, is set for trial beginning December 1, 2015. The case is being prosecuted by Senior Deputy District Attorney Laura Cromwell and Deputy District Attorney Zori Cook.