



# JACKSON COUNTY

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### **MEDIA RELEASE** **For immediate release**

The Jackson County District Attorney's Office announced this afternoon that Anthony Robert Flores entered guilty pleas to one count of Unlawful Possession of a Machine Gun, Short Barreled Firearm or Silencer, one count of Fleeing or Attempting to Elude a Police Officer, and one count of Recklessly Endangering Another Person on January 8, 2021.

The charges stemmed from an incident that occurred on December 20, 2020. An officer with the Medford Police Department attempted to stop a vehicle on Crater Lake Avenue, near Temple Drive, for a traffic violation. The officer heard what sounded like a gunshot before the vehicle eluded. During the pursuit a shotgun was thrown from the vehicle. The shotgun was recovered by Medford Police Department officers and determined to have a sawed-off barrel.

The vehicle was located by Jackson County Sheriff's Office in Prospect and was finally stopped using spikes and Pursuit Intervention Technique (PIT). It was later determined the shotgun discharged accidentally when Mr. Flores was attempting to hide the firearm before pulling over after he saw that law enforcement was attempting a traffic stop.

Mr. Flores was sentenced to 14 months in the Oregon Department of Corrections, which was an upward departure from the sentence he would normally receive, on the basis that he was on supervision in California and also had a prior conviction for evading law enforcement in California.

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