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The Jackson County District Attorney's Office announced today that Kenneth Ayers was sentenced on 3 counts of Attempted Murder in the Second Degree, 5 counts of Unlawful Use of a Weapon, 2 counts of Criminal Mischief in the First Degree, 3 counts of Recklessly Endangering Another Person, and 2 counts of Criminal Mischief in the Second Degree.

Today's sentencing comes after Ayers plead to 8 different shootings on Interstate 5. The shootings were between May, 2020 and August, 2020. During the investigation, a number of the victims reported travelling near a semi-truck when the shootings happened, some identifying the truck being a UPS double or triple trailer. On August 19, 2020, a victim was shot in her shoulder while driving on Interstate 5 near milepost 37. It was reported that a UPS truck had been entering the interstate at the same time. OSP stopped a UPS truck in Douglas County, driven by Ayers. Ayers was employed by UPS as a truck driver during the time of the shootings.

Thanks to the diligent efforts of the Oregon State Police Grants Pass Area Command, Central Point Area Command and Roseburg Area Command a thorough investigation was conducted during which bullets and casings were collected from victims. OSP forensic experts were able to determine the gun used in the shootings was a .45 Auto Caliber Hi-Point, model JHP, semi-automatic pistol. After stopping Ayers, OSP Troopers obtained a search warrant for the UPS truck and located a .45 Auto Caliber Hi-Point, model JHP, semi-automatic pistol which Ayers admitted was his gun. OSP Troopers also obtained search warrants for information maintained by UPS including GPS and ELD information which put Ayers in the location of each shooting.

During today's sentencing a number of victims addressed the court and expressed how traumatic this event was and the impact it had on their lives. Ayers declined to make a statement regarding the case or his motive for the shootings.

Working in conjunction with Josephine and Douglas County District Attorney's offices, venue for all the incidents had been waived into Jackson County. The sentencing today encompassed charges for each of the 8 shootings occurring in Jackson, Josephine and Douglas Counties. Ayers will serve 240 months in the Oregon Department of Corrections.

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