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MEDIA RELEASE **For immediate release**

The Jackson County District Attorney's Office announced today that Michael Seems (DOB 6-11-1986) entered pleas of guilty to one count of Assault in the First Degree and two counts of Felon in Possession of a Firearm on January 19, 2024. Judge Sara Collins sentenced Mr. Seems to a total of 10 years in the Oregon Department of Corrections with 5 years of post-prison supervision and restitution.

The charges stem from two separate incidents. The first was on July 3, 2023, when Mr. Seems was pulled over for running a stop sign and having no insurance on his car. After talking to the deputy for a moment, Mr. Seems sped off from the traffic stop at over 100mph, eluding police and driving recklessly. Mr. Seems eventually pulled over and got out of the car and pulled out a firearm before barricading himself in a house. SWAT was deployed to get Mr. Seems out of the house and into custody. The firearm was recovered, and Mr. Seems is a convicted felon and was on post-prison supervision for Manslaughter in the First Degree.

The second incident occurred on December 5, 2023. The victim saw Mr. Seems and two other individuals outside of his house on Roberts Rd. loitering at the back fence. The victim and Mr. Seems exchanged words, and the victim went outside to confront Mr. Seems. As the victim approached Mr. Seems, Mr. Seems pulled out a firearm and shot the victim in the arm. The victim underwent multiple surgeries to repair damage caused by the shot. Mr. Seems ran on foot and was later identified as a suspect.

Officers found Mr. Seems the next day as a passenger in a car near Roberts Rd. and attempted to stop the car. The car eluded for several miles before pulling over near Gold Hill. Mr. Seems got out of the car, left two firearms on the rocks near the river and jumped into the river. Law enforcement was able to get Mr. Seems out of the river and recover the firearms. One of the firearms matched the description of the firearm used in the shooting. Mr. Seems ultimately admitted to shooting the victim.

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