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

The Jackson County District Attorney's Office announced today that Mathew Todd, DOB March 28, 1983, has been committed to the Oregon State Hospital as an Extremely Dangerous Person pursuant to ORS 426.701 for a period of two years. Mr. Todd will be under the jurisdiction of the Psychiatric Security Review Board during his commitment to the Oregon State Hospital.

Mr. Todd was indicted on September 29, 2022, for the charges of Assault in the Second Degree, Assault in the Fourth Degree Felony, Unlawful Use of a Weapon, Menacing, Disorderly Conduct in the Second Degree, and Criminal Trespass in the Second Degree. The charges arose from an incident that occurred on September 27, 2022, when Mr. Todd followed Ramona Williams making menacing comments towards her, and then engaged in an altercation with Anthony Williams, ultimately throwing multiple metal chairs at Mr. Williams causing a severe injury to Mr. Williams' leg.

A person charged with a criminal offense has to be able to understand the court proceedings before the criminal case can move forward. Under ORS 161.367, if the Court determines that the defendant lacks fitness to proceed and there is no substantial probability that the defendant will gain or regain fitness to proceed, the Court shall dismiss the case.

Mr. Todd was found unable to aid and assist in his criminal case. For the safety of the community, the Jackson County District Attorney's Office filed a petition to initiate commitment proceedings under ORS 426.701. At the commitment hearing, the State presented testimony from witnesses including Anthony Williams, Ramona Williams, Ashland Police Officers Riley Gomes and Mike Bates, Dr. Mike Wojtkowicz, and Mental Health Examiner Ben Bryan. The Court found that Mathew Todd is at least 18 years of age, that he is an extremely dangerous person with a qualifying mental disorder, that he presents a serious danger to the safety of other persons, and unless committed will continue to represent an extreme risk to the safety of other persons in the foreseeable future. Mr. Todd will be placed at the Oregon State Hospital under the jurisdiction of the Psychiatric Review Board as a dangerous offender. After two years, the State can either proceed with another commitment hearing or reissue the underlying criminal charges if he has regained his fitness to proceed, and the statute of limitations has not expired.

At the Oregon State Hospital, Mr. Todd will have regular access to proper medication and supervision.

The Extremely Dangerous Person Commitment was handled by Deputy District Attorney Sara Shaw. Contact Information: [shawst@jacksoncountyor.gov](mailto:shawst@jacksoncountyor.gov); 541-734-3962.