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The Jackson County District Attorney's Office announced this afternoon Joey Paul Dinucci, DOB 12/30/91, pled guilty to Burglary in the First Degree and Unlawful Use of a Weapon and was sentenced to 65 months Oregon Department of Corrections, followed by three years of post-prison supervision. This prosecution was handled by Chief Deputy District Attorney Patrick Green.

The charges arose from an incident that initially occurred at a residence in the 700 block of 2nd Avenue in Gold Hill, belonging to Ashley Barrett, Mr. Dinucci's ex-girlfriend. Mr. Dinucci arrived there in the morning and knocked on the door. Ms. Barrett opened it slightly to see what Mr. Dinucci wanted and he asked if they could talk. At that time, Mr. Dinucci was able to see through the opening and observed Ms. Barrett's new boyfriend, Daniel Crimmey, inside. Mr. Dinucci became angry and forced his way inside past Ms. Barrett and toward Mr. Crimmey. Mr. Dinucci then attacked Mr. Crimmey and yelled that he was going to kill him. Mr. Dinucci put his hands around Mr. Crimmey's neck and repeatedly punched him. When Mr. Crimmey was able to break away from his grasps, Mr. Dinucci then retrieved a kitchen knife and said again he was going to kill him. Mr. Crimmey then fled out of the house with Mr. Dinucci chasing him with the knife, leaving Ms. Barrett behind with her three-year old son who was present in the residence at the time. Mr. Crimmey ran to the nearby parking lot of Ray's Food Place to try to get away from Mr. Dinucci, who returned to his vehicle and began to chase Mr. Crimmey in his vehicle in the parking lot. At one point, Mr. Dinucci swerves toward Mr. Crimmey with his vehicle but Mr. Crimmey is able to avoid being hit. Mr. Dinucci then stops and exits his vehicle and returns to chasing Mr. Crimmey on foot. Eventually, after receiving a call from a bystander, Deputy Moore with the Jackson County Sheriff's Office arrives and intercepts Mr. Dinucci while he is still chasing after Mr. Crimmey and safely takes him into custody.

At the time of plea and sentencing earlier today, Mr. Dinucci expressed his remorse for the incident and acknowledged he lost control and let his anger get the best of him. Mr. Dinucci asked to be released prior to sentencing to see his children that he shares with Ms. Barrett. Chief Deputy District Attorney Patrick Green refused to agree to the request prior to the plea due to victim safety concerns. Judge Jeremy Markiewicz decided to deny the request, explaining that the sentence was meant to be a punitive result for his actions.

Prior to making this plea offer, Chief Deputy District Attorney Patrick Green consulted Ms. Barrett and Mr. Crimmey about it. They were supportive of it and expressed their desire to move forward and put the incident behind them.

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