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PATRICIA CELESTE PAMATZ-PINEDA SENTENCED TO FIVE YEARS IN PRISON
IN SHOOTING CASE

HILLSBORO, Ore- On September 17, 2024, Patricia Celeste Pamatz-Pineda pleaded guilty to attempted assault in the first degree with a firearm and unlawful use of a weapon. The defendant was sentenced to five years in prison. Judge Oscar Garcia also ordered the firearm used in the case to be confiscated and destroyed and imposed three years of post-prison supervision. Senior Deputy District Attorney John Gerhard and Deputy District Attorney Joel Petersen prosecuted this case.

On August 9, 2023, Hillsboro police responded to a report of a shooting near SE 12th Avenue and SE Chance Lane. The caller reported a woman, later identified as the defendant, had a handgun and fired towards a man and woman. Officers canvassed the area and found the defendant running from the shooting location. They detained the defendant and found a loaded handgun in her pants. While in custody, she became irate and told police that she, "...saw someone [she] didn't like and shot at them." Investigators also found surveillance camera footage depicting the shooting. Further investigation revealed that the defendant and the man she shot at were previously intimate partners.

The Washington County District Attorney's Office acknowledges the work of responding officers from the Hillsboro Police Department in quickly apprehending the defendant and securing her firearm.

Ms. Pamatz-Pineda will be transferred to the Oregon Department of Corrections to begin serving her sentence.