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NEWS RELEASE

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RE: Governor Kate Brown's Clemency Order

On October 20, 2021, Governor Kate Brown released the names of juvenile offenders who had committed violent crimes as 15-17 year olds for whom she is using her powers of Executive Clemency. That list was released to the public without any notification to the impacted victims. On that list of 75 individuals were eight from Lane County. Of those convicted, three were convicted of Murder, two of sex crimes against children and three of robberies with weapons, including a stabbing and a failed attempt to shoot a customer in a store.

The basic details of the Lane County cases are listed below:

1. Earl Carnahan, age 17 at time of crime, convicted 1/26/1999 of murder. Sentenced to life with an opportunity for parole after 25 years. While sitting with the victim at a campfire, Carnahan became enraged at the victim and stabbed him repeatedly with a knife. Carnahan stated he had thought about killing the victim for several hours before he did it.
2. David Keever, age 17 at the time of the crime, convicted 12/20/2000 of Attempted Aggravated Murder, two counts of assault in the second degree, kidnapping in the first degree, robbery in the first degree and unauthorized use of a vehicle. The defendant and three co-defendants robbed a taxi driver at knife point. Keever stabbed the driver, then the group stole the vehicle, leaving the bleeding victim behind.
3. Brian Hardegger, age 17 at the time of the crime, convicted 9/11/2002 of Murder. Defendant and his father buried the victim, Hardegger's mother, alive. When the victim tried to raise her head above the dirt, Hardegger pushed her head down with his foot so that he and his father could finish covering her up. Hardegger dug the hole beforehand.
4. Truett Watts, age 17 at the time of the crime, convicted 9/27/2004 of Murder. Watts admittedly stabbed the victim because he didn't like something the victim said and intended to kill him. The victim was working on a car at the defendant's house. Watts had been using methamphetamine and marijuana before the stabbing. Watts is being considered for clemency by the Governor under this process and has petitioned the Governor for a general clemency.

5. David Hauser, age 15 at the time of the crime, convicted 7/29/2009 of Sodomy in the First Degree (two counts) and Sex Abuse in the First Degree, two counts. Hauser admitted to sexually abusing an eleven year old at a foster home. Hauser's prior history included killing a cat and the attempted murder of his step father, for which he does not appear to have been charged.

6. Connor Allen, age 17 at time of the crime, convicted 01/13/2016 of Sexual Abuse in the First Degree. Seven year old disclosed to a family therapist that Allen had been orally sodomizing him and making the seven year old orally sodomize Allen.

7. Elaine Jeffers, age 17 at the time of the crime, convicted on 1/9/2018 of Robbery in the First Degree, five counts; Assault in the First Degree, three counts; Unauthorized Use of a Vehicle, and Felony Elude. Jeffers and three others robbed seven victims in Eugene, stabbing one. The crime spree was committed in a stolen vehicle and when police pursued the vehicle, Jeffers attempted to elude. Jeffers was identified as the primary instigator of the crime spree and also stabbed one of the robbery victims.

8. Edward Makarenko, age 17 at time of the crime, convicted 5/3/18 of Robbery in the First Degree, two counts and Attempted Robbery in the First Degree. Makarenko committed two robberies at area businesses with a handgun. In a third robbery attempt, Makarenko can be seen on video pointing the handgun at a customer and pulling the trigger but the gun misfired. Makarenko told a friend that he committed three robberies and that he tried to shoot a customer but "the gun didn't work."

The Oregon Department of Corrections today sent out the proposed rules for the Board of Parole to review these offenders for clemency. At no place in the proposed rules is victim impact from the crimes considered.

Victims of crime in Oregon have Constitutional and statutory rights that are being ignored by Governor Brown, the Oregon Department of Corrections and the State Parole Board with a first priority to these offenders of a "meaningful opportunity to be released." Victims of crime deserve the enforcement of their rights they fought so hard to have recognized.