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FORMER HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT TEACHER SENTENCED TO 36 MONTHS IN PRISON FOR INAPPROPRIATE RELATIONSHIP WITH STUDENT

HILLSBORO, Ore- On January 7, 2025, Mason Isaiah Dominguez, age 25, pleaded guilty to attempted using child in display of sexually explicit conduct, and two counts of luring a minor. Washington County Circuit Court Judge Janelle Wipper then sentenced the defendant to three years in prison and ordered he register as a sex offender. Deputy District Attorney Rayney Meisel prosecuted this case.

The defendant worked as a student teacher at Sherwood High School. In April of 2023, a student notified a faculty member that the defendant was messaging her via social media, a violation of school policy. School administrators confronted the defendant and he admitted to sending the messages. He was immediately fired and escorted from school property.

The following day, a second student reported she was in an inappropriate relationship with Mr. Dominguez. She told staff that she and the defendant exchanged hundreds of messages over social media. She reported that Mr. Dominguez sent her sexually graphic videos and photos of himself and requested she do the same.

A school resource officer with the Sherwood Police Department investigated this case and confronted the defendant with these allegations. Mr. Dominguez initially denied any wrongdoing but admitted to the criminal activity once the sexually explicit videos, photos, and text messages were recovered from his phone.

In a powerful victim impact statement read in open court, the victim reported experiencing lasting trauma, "because someone who was supposed to be my teacher, and a trusted adult in my life, crossed every line he could cross." As a result of the defendant's actions, she said her life was negatively impacted in multiple ways.

The Washington County District Attorney's Office wishes to acknowledge the bravery of both students in reporting this abuse of power. This office also thanks the school resource officer, the Sherwood Police Department, and the Sherwood School District for their work and assistance on this case.