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Press Release

On November 21, 2023 at 2:02 am, the Jackson County Sheriff's Office received a 911 call regarding a burglary in a residence in Shady Cove where the homeowner had shot the suspect. Jason Blough, the homeowner confronted Gordon Wilson (8/24/72) inside his residence. Mr. Blough reported that he heard glass breaking, he saw the glass by the front door was shattered so he obtained his handgun before going to see what was happening. Mr. Blough confronted Mr. Wilson who was inside the kitchen of the residence. Mr. Blough said Mr. Wilson said something to the effect of "you better do it or you better pull the trigger" and then Mr. Wilson charged toward him. Mr. Blough fired a number of rounds. Mr. Blough stated that he continued to fire until Mr. Wilson stopped advancing and fell to the floor. At the time Mr. Blough was in the doorway of the master bedroom and Mr. Wilson was in the kitchen/hallway area. The distance was between 7-10 feet. There were 4 adults living at the residence and home at the time. Two adults were in another bedroom, heard the breaking glass and locked themselves in the bedroom. Mr. Blough's girlfriend, Michelle McCullough was in the master bedroom. When police and medical provided aid to Mr. Wilson, no weapon was located on him.

Michelle McCullough had been granted a temporary stalking order on 9/21/23 with a permanent stalking order granted on 10/23/23 by the Jackson County Circuit Court. The stalking order prohibited any contact between them. Wilson was the next door neighbor and had resided with his father at the residence for a few years. When Mr. Wilson's father died, he became convinced that Michelle McCullough was in danger. Gordon Wilson falsely reported that someone was screaming in the residence on one occasion and that someone was injured in the residence on another occasion. The numerous contacts, including Mr. Wilson trespassing into the backyard of the Blough/ McCullough residence, made them seek the stalking order.

Dr. Olson performed an autopsy on Gordon Wilson on 11/30/23. The autopsy revealed that Mr. Wilson was shot 8 times. A rapid urine drug screen indicated positive for methamphetamine and amphetamine. The full toxicology screen is not available at this time.

During the investigation, police were able to view some surveillance video's from both the Wilson residence and Blough/McCullough residence that verified Mr. Wilson was continuing to watch the Blough/McCullough residence. Police also recovered some text messages, where Mr. Wilson was trying to report to a motorcycle organization that Michelle McCullough was in danger. It was clear that Mr. Wilson had a history of mental illness and was suffering from a delusion.

Under Oregon law a person can use deadly physical force when the person reasonably believes the other person is committing or attempting to commit a felony involving the use or threatened imminent use of

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physical force against a person, committing a burglary in a dwelling or about to use unlawful deadly physical force against a person. In this situation, Mr. Blough was justified under Oregon law to use deadly physical force.

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