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Tomah Man Sentenced to 17 Years Prison for June 2023 Tomah Shooting

[SPARTA, WI] Today, Monroe County District Attorney Kevin D. Croninger announced that on June 27, 2024, Monroe County Judge Mark Goodman sentenced 24 year old, Krimzen D. Perea, to a 17 year term in the Wisconsin State prison system. After completing his 17 year term in the Wisconsin State Prison system, Perea will be supervised for an additional 10 years by the Wisconsin Department of Corrections.

Perea pled guilty in May of 2024 to three counts of 1st Degree Reckless Injury, Use of a Dangerous Weapon and one count of Aggravated Battery, Use of a Dangerous Weapon. Perea's convictions stem from a June 2023 shooting in the City of Tomah.

During sentencing, District Attorney Croninger argued for a 40 year period of confinement and pointed out the aggravated nature of Perea's conduct toward the victim and the fact the Defendant is a threat to public safety. Croninger stated, "The Defendant tracked, hunted, and shot the victim like an animal. This type of behavior cannot be tolerated in a civilized society." Croninger further praised the victim for his resilience in the face of a life threatening situation, "The victim in this case is extremely physically and emotionally resilient. After being shot twice, the victim wrestled the gun away from the Defendant and retreated to a nearby hotel to seek assistance. The resiliency of the victim in the face of imminent death helped to protect the entire community from further harm by the Defendant."

The sentence handed down by Judge Goodman substantially exceeded the recommendation of the Wisconsin Department of Corrections. The Department of Corrections recommended only three years of confinement in prison.

After sentencing Croninger stated, "We appreciate the sentence of Judge Goodman today. While the State asked for more confinement than was ultimately ordered, we recognize that a Judge sentencing a person to more than 5 times as much confinement as is recommended by the Department of Corrections is exceedingly rare. We believe Judge Goodman saw the threat the Defendant poses and handed down a sentence that will protect the community for almost two decades."

The prosecution of the case was handled by Monroe County District Attorney Kevin Croninger with support and assistance of the staff of the Monroe County District Attorney's Office.

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The investigation of the case was led by the City of Tomah Police Department. Croninger praised both the initial response and the investigation of the case. Sergeant Delaney Goodenough and Officer Justice Blackhawk of the City of Tomah Police Department, along with Deputy Nathaniel Heffner of the Monroe County Sheriff's Office, and Trooper Davin Cotter of the Wisconsin State Patrol were the first officers to respond. Croninger praised the efforts of the initial response, "When officers first responded they were entering a dynamic and dangerous situation. They quickly secured the scene preserving all relevant evidence, while also rendering aid to the victim. Their efforts that evening not only helped save the victim's life and secure the safety of the residents of Tomah, but also initiated what was a highly professional and thorough investigation into the situation.

Croninger further praised the investigative efforts of the City of Tomah Police Department, which were led by Lieutenant Paul Sloan and Investigator Brittnay Westpfahl, with assistance from many members of the City of Tomah Police Department. "The investigation into this case was both highly professional and thorough. Investigators thoroughly documented the scene of the event, as well as other areas of evidentiary value. The high quality of the investigation led to the Defendant entering a plea without ever meaningfully contesting his guilt."

Croninger concluded, "Here in Monroe County we are extremely fortunate to have such highly qualified and fearless police professionals both responding to these types of situations and investigating them. While we never want to have a dangerous situation take place, if one does, the citizens of Monroe County can rest assured, that their safety will be protected by such highly qualified and fearless police professionals."