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Woodburn Man Pleads Guilty to Threatening to Kill a U.S. Senator

PORTLAND, Ore.—A Woodburn, Oregon, man pleaded guilty yesterday for threatening to kill a United States Senator.

Donald Leroy Smith, Jr., 51, pleaded guilty to retaliating against a federal official by threat.

According to court documents, on November 12, 2025, Smith left a voicemail for a U.S. Senator stating he was “coming to kill you,” that “you need to be dead,” and that he was going to “put a bullet in your head.”

On March 19, 2026, Smith was charged by information with threatening a federal official.

Smith faces a maximum sentence of 10 years in prison, a \$250,000 fine, and three years of supervised release. He will be sentenced on August 26, 2026, before a U.S. district court judge.

As part of the plea agreement, Smith has agreed to pay restitution in full.

U.S. Attorney Scott E. Bradford for the District of Oregon made the announcement.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation is investigating the case with assistance from United States Capitol Police, United States Secret Service, United States Postal Inspection Service, Oregon State Police, and the Woodburn Police Department. First Assistant U.S. Attorney William M. Narus and Assistant U.S. Attorney James A. Kilcup are prosecuting the case.

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