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Portland Man Sentenced to Federal Prison for Use of a Firearm in Interstate Domestic Violence

PORTLAND, Ore.—A Portland man was sentenced to federal prison today for interstate domestic violence and using a firearm during and in relation to a crime of violence.

Carlos Miscoat, 28, was sentenced to 15 years in federal prison and 5 years' supervised release, announced U.S. Attorney Scott E. Bradford for the District of Oregon.

"Domestic violence cases are incredibly serious and important to me," said U.S. Attorney Bradford. "Domestic violence removes safety from the home and places victims in constant fear. Gun use significantly increases danger. This woman made clear this relationship was over, but Miscoat sought to continue to control and abuse her. We stopped that and are grateful the victim was able to seek help after this horrific crime."

According to court documents, Miscoat abducted his ex-girlfriend at gunpoint on November 2, 2023. Miscoat and the victim had been broken up for about a year, though Miscoat continued to call, text, and show up at her home unannounced after the relationship ended. On November 2, 2023, Miscoat arranged with the victim to meet outside her home to get back some of his belongings. At her home, Miscoat pulled out a gun and forced the victim into his car. Miscoat drove her across state lines into a remote area of Washington. During the drive, he continued to point the gun at her and made threatening statements. Miscoat parked in a wooded area and raped the victim, showing and firing the gun to keep her from resisting. After the rape, Miscoat drove the victim back to Portland while continuing to threaten her and warn her not to call the police. Miscoat returned uninvited to the victim's home less than a week later, which resulted in his arrest.

On June 18, 2024, a federal grand jury in Portland returned a 3-count indictment charging Miscoat with kidnapping, interstate domestic violence, and using a firearm during and in relation to a crime of violence.

On May 28, 2026, Miscoat pleaded guilty to interstate domestic violence and using a firearm during and in relation to a crime of violence.

This case was investigated by the FBI and the Portland Police Bureau. It was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Mira Chernick.

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