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## NEWS RELEASE

**Date/Time of Release:** Friday, September 22, 2016, 2:15 p.m.

**From:** Erik Hasselman, Chief Deputy District Attorney

**RE:** Oregon Court of Appeals affirms conviction in  
State v. Robert Allen Cromwell (2013 murder of Casey Lynn Wright)

**Details:**

On Wednesday (September 21<sup>st</sup>), the Oregon Court of Appeals affirmed the murder conviction and sentence of life imprisonment in the Lane County Circuit Court case of *State v. Robert Allen Cromwell*.

Cromwell was sentenced by the Honorable Josephine Mooney to imprisonment for life in May 2014 after a jury unanimously found Cromwell guilty of Murder and Unlawful Use of a Weapon in the slaying of Casey Lynn Wright on November 2, 2013.

Evidence produced at trial proved Cromwell intentionally killed Wright with an aluminum baseball bat while she was lying in bed at his rental home on 18<sup>th</sup> Street in Springfield. They had previously been in a personal relationship together.

Cromwell was arrested after checking into the Emergency Department at McKenzie-Willamette Hospital that same date with self-inflicted wounds to his wrists.

At trial, Cromwell claimed that he should be found guilty of a lesser-included offense, suggesting that he had reduced responsibility for the crime due to being under the influence of an "extreme emotional disturbance." The jury rejected that defense.

On appeal, Cromwell claimed Springfield Police detectives should not have continued to interrogate him after he informed them that he was not represented by a lawyer. In affirming Cromwell's conviction without opinion, the Oregon Court of Appeals rejected that claim without further discussion.

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