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NEWS RELEASE

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Details: 40-year-old Eugene Man Found Guilty of Murder

On November 18, 2021, around 1:00 a.m., officers from Eugene Police Department responded to a home in the 2400 block of Monroe Street based on a citizen report there was a possibly injured or deceased subject at the location. Officers entered the home and located then 38-year-old James Paul Cable within with obvious blood staining on his person and clothing. Police also located his 35-year old roommate, Daniel K. Pizzutti, deceased from obvious homicidal violence. The Lane County Medical Examiner determined Pizzutti died from multiple blunt force injuries to his head and a sharp-force injury to his heart. Cable was taken into custody and ultimately charged with Murder in the Second Degree.

On July 11th, Cable's trial for the murder charge commenced. During the five-day trial, Cable claimed he had no memory of the homicide and could not have formed the intent to kill Pizzutti due to his extensive use of ketamine and nitrous oxide before the crime. On Wednesday, after a five-day trial in Lane County Circuit Court, the Honorable Clara L. Rigmaiden found Cable guilty of Murder in the Second Degree and Assault on a Public Safety Officer. The latter charge was brought against Cable for his assault of a Eugene Police detective after his arrest.

The Court set sentencing for Monday, July 24, 2:00 p.m. Under current Oregon law, the charge of Murder in the Second Degree carries a life sentence with a mandatory minimum prison term of 25 years before being considered for parole.