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### Preston Molina Sentenced to 10 Years For Injuring Sheriff's Deputy

(Austin, TX) A twenty five year old Austin man has been sentenced to 10 years in prison for aggravated assault of a public servant and evading arrest in a vehicle. Preston Marcel Molina pled guilty to the charges today stemming from an incident where a Travis County Sheriff's deputy was struck and seriously injured by Molina's car.

The case was heard in 147<sup>th</sup> District Court before Judge Cliff Brown.

On June 5, 2019, Molina was visiting with his probation officer at the Travis County Adult Probation Office at 10409 Burnet Road. Upon learning he was going to be arrested for an outstanding warrant, Molina ran out of the building and got in his car in the parking lot. Deputies chased him and while trying to flee, Molina hit Senior Deputy Richard Millers with his car sending him in the air and causing serious injury to his leg and lower body.

Several deputies chased after Molina's car, which had to stop due to oncoming traffic and held him at gunpoint. Molina's grandfather, who was also in the car, removed the keys from the ignition and stopped the vehicle.

"Our police officers, along with all of our first responders, risk their safety every day to help and protect everyone in our community. The outcome in these cases demonstrates that Travis County citizens value that service. Those who harm police officers while they are protecting our community will be prosecuted. On behalf of the Vehicular Crimes Special Prosecution Unit and the entire Travis County District Attorney's Office, we wish to express our appreciation and thanks to Deputy Millers for his service and bravery that day," said Matthew Foye, Travis County Assistant District Attorney.

Senior Deputy Millers has since recovered from his injuries and has returned to work.

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