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OROVILLE MAN SENTENCED ON TWO SHOOTINGS

An Oroville man was in Butte County Superior Court today and was sentenced on two separate shootings caught on surveillance cameras in May and June of this year in the Oroville area.

Jason Allen Kraft, 36, of Oroville, was convicted of two counts of assault with a semi-automatic handgun, three counts of possession of a firearm by a felon, and two counts of possession of ammunition by a felon and one count of grand theft from an unrelated incident. Kraft was sentenced to fifteen years in state prison.

District Attorney Mike Ramsey said the June 22 shooting occurred at approximately 10:40 p.m. near the intersection of Olive Highway and Lower Wyandotte Road. Bobby Rogers, 41, of Oroville, was riding an ATV in the area when he was shot once in the back. He was taken to a local hospital where he underwent emergency surgery and was subsequently released with a bullet still in his body.

The Oroville police collected surveillance footage from local businesses in the area and one of them was released to local media on July 1, which lead to a tip identifying Kraft as the shooter. The next day, July 2, Kraft was spotted by Oroville police in Oroville, and after a short foot pursuit was arrested for the Rogers' shooting. During a search of the pathway used by Kraft, police found a semi-automatic "ghost gun", consistent with the caliber believed used in the Rogers' shooting.

Ramsey said the investigation also lead to Kraft being identified as a suspect in a May 11, 2022 shooting at approximately 8:10 p.m. at an Oroville carwash in the 3400 block of Orange Avenue. Surveillance footage of that shooting showed a car, which was being chased by another car, come into the parking lot of the carwash and attempt to hide behind the carwash. A man later identified as Kraft came out on foot from the chasing car and fired two shots at the hidden car. Kraft then got back into the vehicle and fled the area. The victim car nor its driver were ever found by the police.

The motives for Kraft's attacks remain murky.

