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OROVILLE MAN ARRAIGNED ON TWO SHOOTINGS

An Oroville man was in Butte County Superior Court today and was arraigned 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 arraigned on two counts of assault with a semi-automatic handgun, two counts of possession of a firearm by a felon, and a count of causing great bodily injury with a firearm. At the request of the District Attorney, Kraft was held in Butte County Jail on \$375,000 bail pending his next arraignment date on July 13, 2022.

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 tapes from local businesses in the area and one of them was released to local media on July 1, which led 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 led 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 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 chased car. The man then got back into the vehicle and fled the area.

Ramsey said the police are still looking for the victim of that shooting. Casings found at the carwash shooting were consistent with the caliber of the Roger's ATV shooting and with the ghost gun found near Kraft's arrest, as well as ammunition and gun supplies found in Kraft's home during a search warrant.