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## PRESS RELEASE

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### OROVILLE MAN ORDERED TO STAND TRIAL FOR SHOOTING

An Oroville man's shooting case will proceed to trial after a Butte County Superior Court judge found sufficient evidence to hold him to answer today at his preliminary hearing.

Peter Lee Flaming, 53, of Oroville, was held to answer on charges of assault with a firearm and being a felon with a firearm arising from a shooting in March of this year in which it was alleged Flaming shot a 47-year-old male friend multiple times in a dispute over a woman.

Ramsey said his office presented additional evidence today at the hearing outlining the motive behind the shooting, as well as circumstances of the crime that proved Flaming did not merely intend to hurt or scare his former friend, but intended to kill him. As a result, Ramsey said his office will be filing additional charges of attempted murder, as well as several gun and injury enhancements that increase Flaming's potential prison time.

Ramsey said this case began on March 19, 2023, when Butte County Sheriff's deputies responded to a vehicle crash in the area of W. 14<sup>th</sup> Street in Oroville. When they arrived, deputies found the 47-year-old victim in the driver's seat of his crashed truck, bleeding profusely from three gunshot wounds to his leg, arm, and neck.

Deputies were able to administer life-saving measures which controlled the bleeding until medical personnel arrived and transported the victim to the hospital, where he received emergency surgery. The victim is now recovering outside the hospital.

Deputies learned in their investigation that Flaming had shot at the victim four times with a semi-automatic handgun as the victim was attempting to exit his truck. Deputies responded to Flaming's house, but Flaming had fled the area. The next day, Flaming was arrested without incident when he returned to his house and a good Samaritan reported seeing him. The gun alleged to have been used in the shooting has not been recovered.

Flaming will next appear in court on April 26, 2023, at 8:30 a.m. to be arraigned on his charges and set his trial date. He remains in Butte County Jail without bail.



Peter Lee Flaming