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Marion Courthouse Plunger Gets 16 Years for Courthouse Rampage

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The man who drove his pickup through the courthouse and started fires inside recently pled guilty to 13 counts.

(SALEM) - A man who went on a full rampage through the Marion County Courthouse last year lighting fires and threatening police will spend the next several years in Oregon's penal system.

38-year old Christopher Lee Millis of Keizer crashed his pickup into the Marion County Courthouse last year and set fires inside that would lead to the eventual total restoration of the county building built originally in the 1950's.

Millis was tried and sentenced in the Lane County Circuit Court in Eugene where he received a 16-year sentence for the numerous crimes including for Attempted Murder, Burglary in the First Degree; seven counts of First Degree Arson, and four counts of Unlawful Use of a Weapon.

According to Oregon law, he must serve the first 90 months of the sentence, which is about 7 1/2 years, before becoming eligible for either parole or mental-health services.

Millis was regarded as a problem, an angry neighbor, and a person who was clearly over controlling of his wife and several children. Prior to damaging the courthouse, he fired a gun at a Keizer Police officer, lit fires to several cars in the police parking lot, and fired a gun at houses along the way to the courthouse.

He had parked his longbed pickup near the courthouse in Salem and switched out of the passenger car after losing pursuing police, then used the truck to smash the front of the courthouse open. Check below for more stories on Christopher Millis, the "Courthouse Plunger" and the most expensive criminal to ever attack Marion County.

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