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On June 12, 2014, Bud Richard Flowers was sentenced to 471 months in prison. James Smith, Chief Criminal Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, successfully tried Flowers in front of a Cowlitz County jury for Attempted Murder in the First Degree with a Firearm Enhancement and Unlawful Possession of a Firearm in the First Degree.

In October of 2013, Flowers attempted to kill a Kelso man, Travis Russell, by shooting him multiple times with a .22 caliber pistol. Fortunately, the Mr. Russell survived and identified Flowers as his attacker to the police and a trial. The Prosecutor's Office worked closely with law enforcement and Russell to ensure that justice was successfully brought for the life-threatening injuries he sustained. The case was investigated by the Kelso Police Department.

Flowers had multiple prior felony convictions, and also pled guilty this earlier in June to felony charges from an incident where he was trafficking narcotics and rammed a Longview Police vehicle. The Prosecutor's Office is pleased to be able to bring justice to Russell and rid Cowlitz County of another violent offender.

Our office will continue to work diligently to ensure that Cowlitz County is a safe place by seeking maximum accountability for repeat offenders in our community.