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For Immediate Release:

Man sentenced to nearly two years in prison for stalking his former fiancée

Howard County, MD (February 17, 2021) – Allen Royden Franklin Hodgdon, age 37, was sentenced today by Howard County District Court Judge Wayne A. Brooks to serve 5 years suspending all but 18 months for the charge of Stalking. This sentence will be served at the Department of Corrections. Hodgdon pleaded guilty to the charge of Stalking on October 23, 2020.

Hodgdon and the victim started a relationship in 2002. They were engaged and lived together for the next several years. In 2014, the victim broke off the engagement citing Hodgdon's frequent paranoia and moved out. Over the next 6 years, Hodgdon would randomly leave voicemails or send text messages that were mostly cordial but would suggest that the victim's friends "were going to come after her." The victim responded only one time to check on Hodgdon's mental state of being.

In the summer of 2019, Hodgdon reached out to the victim's mother to inquire about her upcoming nuptials. Shortly after that phone call, Hodgdon started showing up at the victim's place of employment. From September 1, 2019 to June 1, 2020, Hodgdon would randomly appear at the victim's job, even though no one ever told him where she worked. Co-workers witnessed Hodgdon waiting in the lobby for the victim to get off work, sitting in his car at the victim's workplace, and hanging around in the parking lot to talk to her.

From the period of October 2, 2019 to June 11, 2020, Hodgdon sent the victim 129 text messages. Throughout this time, the victim would respond back asking Hodgdon to "leave me alone, move on, you have people at my work scared, I will get a restraining order, you will ruin my life," etc.

Upon his release, Hodgdon will serve 3 years of supervised probation, continue treatment recommended by the psychologists and have no contact with the victim and her extended family.

Assistant State's Attorney Lisa V. Romano prosecuted this case.

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