

FILED: May 8, 2013

IN THE COURT OF APPEALS OF THE STATE OF OREGON

STATE OF OREGON,
Plaintiff-Respondent,

v.

SHAWN RICHARD MONRO,
Defendant-Appellant.

Lane County Circuit Court
200821493A

A144968

Jack A. Billings, Judge.

Argued and submitted on March 22, 2013.

Daniel C. Bennett, Deputy Public Defender, argued the cause for appellant. With him on the brief was Peter Gartlan, Chief Defender, Office of Public Defense Services.

Janet A. Klapstein, Senior Assistant Attorney General, argued the cause for respondent. With her on the brief were John R. Kroger, Attorney General, and Anna M. Joyce, Solicitor General.

Before Armstrong, Presiding Judge, and Wollheim, Judge, and Nakamoto, Judge.

ARMSTRONG, P. J.

Remanded for resentencing; otherwise affirmed.

1 ARMSTRONG, P. J.

2 Defendant was convicted, following a jury trial, of multiple offenses arising
3 out of several criminal episodes. On appeal, defendant raises six assignments of error. In
4 his first, second, fifth, and sixth assignments, defendant asserts various challenges to his
5 convictions. We reject those assignments of error without discussion. In his third and
6 fourth assignments, defendant contends that the trial court plainly erred in failing to apply
7 the "shift to column I" rule when imposing consecutive sentences on his convictions for
8 felon in possession of a firearm in Count 13 and first-degree robbery in Count 32. As
9 explained below, we agree with defendant that the trial court plainly erred in not applying
10 the "shift to column I" rule to defendant's sentence in Count 32, and we exercise our
11 discretion to correct that error. ORAP 5.45(1); *Ailes v. Portland Meadows, Inc.*, 312 Or
12 376, 823 P2d 956 (1991) (appellate court has discretion to review unpreserved error of
13 law apparent on the record, also referred to as "plain error" review). Because that
14 disposition requires us to remand the case for resentencing, ORS 138.222(5), we need
15 not--and do not--address defendant's claim of error with respect to Count 13.

16 In imposing sentence on Count 32 (first-degree robbery), the court
17 categorized defendant as a "9-A" offender under the sentencing guidelines and imposed a
18 durational departure sentence of 144 months' incarceration, consecutive to the sentences
19 imposed on Count 1 (first-degree robbery involving a different victim and a different
20 criminal episode) and Count 29 (attempted aggravated murder of the same victim and
21 during the same criminal episode as the robbery in Count 32). Defendant contends that

1 the court instead should have "shifted" his criminal history score to "I" under OAR 213-
2 012-0020,¹ which would have resulted in the imposition of a 90-month mandatory
3 minimum sentence on Count 32. Defendant acknowledges that he failed to preserve this
4 argument, but requests that we exercise our discretion to correct the error as error
5 apparent on the record.

6 As we have explained,

7 "[t]he 'shift-to-I' rule applies when a defendant is sentenced for multiple
8 felonies in the same proceeding. In that event, the defendant's true criminal
9 history score is used in assessing the gridblock for imposing sentence on
10 the primary offense (and any other offenses for which sentences will run
11 concurrently). OAR 213-012-0020(2)(a)(A). For additional offenses for
12 which consecutive sentences will be imposed, the court is required to use
13 the criminal history score 'I.' OAR 213-012-0020(2)(a)(B)."

14 *State v. Mayes*, 234 Or App 707, 709 n 1, 229 P3d 628, *rev den*, 348 Or 669 (2010). The
15 "shift to column I" rule does not apply to "consecutive sentences imposed for crimes that
16 have different victims," OAR 213-012-0020(5); *State v. McNeil*, 170 Or App 407, 12 P3d
17 992 (2000), or that stem from different criminal episodes, *see Orchard v. Mills*, 247 Or
18 App 355, 358, 270 P3d 309 (2011), *rev den*, 352 Or 33 (2012) ("'shift-to-I' rule applies

¹ OAR 213-012-0020(2) provides, in part:

"(a) Subject to the provisions of subsection (b) of this section, the presumptive incarceration term of the consecutive sentences is the sum of:

"(A) The presumptive incarceration term or the prison term defined in OAR 213-008-0005(1) imposed pursuant to a dispositional departure for the primary offense, as defined in OAR 213-003-0001(17); and

"(B) Up to the maximum incarceration term indicated in the Criminal History I Column for each additional offense imposed consecutively."

1 only when consecutive sentences are imposed for crimes that arise from a single criminal
2 episode").

3 Here, although Count 1 involved a different victim (and a different criminal
4 episode) than Count 32, the court also made Count 32 consecutive to Count 29, which
5 involved the same criminal episode and the same victim. Thus, in defendant's view,
6 under OAR 213-012-0020(2)(a)(B), the trial court was required to follow the "shift-to-I"
7 rule when imposing sentence on Count 32. The state counters that the rule is inapplicable
8 in this circumstance, because first-degree robbery is a Measure 11 offense, *see* ORS
9 137.700, and the rule does not apply to "statutorily mandated sentences." At oral
10 argument, the state further argued that, in any event, any error in that respect was not
11 "plain" because the sentences potentially could be restructured to achieve the same result.

12 To the extent that the state is arguing that Measure 11 sentences are not
13 subject to the limitations of the guideline rules, including the "shift to column I" rule, it is
14 correct. *See State v. Hicks*, 249 Or App 196, 199, 275 P3d 195, *rev den*, 352 OR 341
15 (2012) (sentence that is "statutorily mandated" for purposes of OAR 213-012-0020 is
16 outside the scope of the "shift to column I" rule); *State v. Langdon*, 151 Or App 640, 646-
17 47, 950 P2d 410 (1997), *aff'd*, 330 Or 72, 999 P2d 1127 (2000) (Measure 11 sentences,
18 because they are mandatory sentences, are not subject to the 200/400 percent limitation of
19 OAR 213-012-0020)); *see also State v. Young*, 183 Or App 400, 52 P3d 1102 (2002)
20 (limits in guideline rules for imposition of consecutive sentences not applicable to
21 sentences imposed pursuant to repeat property offender statute).

1 Here, however, the trial court did not impose a Measure 11 sentence on
2 defendant's first-degree robbery conviction in Count 32. Rather, the court chose instead
3 to sentence defendant to a departure sentence under the sentencing guidelines. *See* ORS
4 137.700(1) ("The court may impose a greater sentence [than that specified in ORS
5 137.700(2)] if otherwise permitted by law, but may not impose a lower sentence[.]"). In
6 calculating a sentence under the guidelines, the court is required to follow the guidelines'
7 rules, including the "shift to column I" rule for imposing sentences consecutively. As
8 noted, the court did not do that here. Had the court followed the "shift to column I rule,"
9 the maximum departure sentence permitted to be imposed consecutively was 72 months,
10 rather than the 144 months that the court imposed. However, because the mandatory
11 incarceration term for the offense under Measure 11 is greater--90 months--the court was
12 required to impose that sentence rather than the 72-month consecutive guidelines
13 sentence. ORS 137.700(1). The upshot is that, as a result of the court's error in failing to
14 apply the "shift-to-column I" rule, defendant received a sentence for his conviction on
15 Count 32 that is 54 months longer than the maximum permitted by law.

16 We have previously considered error in failing to apply the "shift to column
17 I" rule to be plain error, *see, e.g., State v. Doty*, 240 Or App 557, 558, 247 P3d 343
18 (2011); *State v. Diaz-Rivera*, 235 Or App 179, 180, 230 P3d 101 (2010); *State v.*
19 *Davidson*, 208 Or App 672, 673, 145 P3d 276 (2006); *State v. Rojas-Montalvo*, 153 Or
20 App 222, 226, 957 P2d 163, *rev den*, 327 Or 192 (1998); *State v. Lundstedt*, 139 Or App
21 111, 114, 911 P2d 349 (1996), and we do so here as well. Defendant received a sentence

1 on Count 32 that is potentially 54 months longer than he would have received absent the
2 error. Moreover, whether the trial court could have imposed, or might impose on
3 remand, the same total number of months' incarceration is not "certain" on this record.
4 *Cf. State v. Marshall*, 219 Or App 511, 518, 183 P3d 241 (2008) (rejecting state's
5 argument that "shift to column I" sentencing error was harmless because, although it was
6 possible for the court to lawfully impose the same aggregate incarceration term by other
7 means, it was not certain that the court would do that); *Lundstedt*, 139 Or App at 114
8 (rejecting state's argument that the error in not applying the "shift to column I" rule,
9 which may have resulted in up to four months' additional incarceration, was not of
10 sufficient gravity to warrant discretionary review). Under those circumstances, we
11 exercise our discretion to correct the error.

12 Remanded for resentencing; otherwise affirmed.