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## Man Sentenced to 10 Years for Forcibly Entering Home August 5, 2022

Bryan, TX - On Wednesday, August 3, 2022, Bruce Briggs, 37, pled guilty and was sentenced to 10 years in prison for Burglary of a Habitation.

Around midnight on October 28, 2021, officers from the Bryan Police Department responded to a call of a man forcing himself into a woman's apartment. That night, the victim left her apartment to take trash out to the dumpster. While she was walking back to her apartment, the defendant grabbed her arm and refused to release her. As he pulled her towards her apartment, he tried to kiss her and forcibly groped her all over her body. The victim feared that he intended to sexually assault her. Briggs was able to force the woman into her apartment and made it as far as the living room.

Fortunately, the woman's father and uncle were awakened by her cries for help. The two men were able to push Briggs out of the apartment before calling the police. Still refusing to leave, Briggs stood outside of the apartment for several minutes before eventually running away. The victim reported that she had first seen the defendant the day before when he approached her while she was checking her mail. He tried interacting with her then, but she was able to walk away.

Another female resident of the apartment complex told police that the defendant approached her in the days prior and had gotten uncomfortably close to her. During that encounter, Briggs did not leave until the woman's son arrived and was able to intervene. As part of the investigation by the Bryan Police Department, the defendant was identified by surveillance video captured at the apartment complex.

Briggs also pled guilty to felony drug possession that occurred prior to this offense. Assistant District Attorney Brian Price prosecuted the case.

**“Everyone deserves to feel safe in and around their own home. The defendant violated this woman's sense of security and peace in her home. This behavior will not be accepted in our community.”**

**— Assistant District Attorney Brian Price**

