



PRESS RELEASE

Defendant Sentenced to 8 Years for Domestic Violence October 17, 2014

On Friday, October 17, 2014, a Brazos County jury convicted Bryan Cheatham of Assault Family Violence with previous conviction for the January 25, 2013 assault on his girlfriend at a College Station motel. Cheatham was sentenced by visiting Judge James Keeshan to eight years in the Institutional Division of Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Mr. Cheatham was arrested in the early morning hours of January 25, 2013, after a motel clerk contacted police to report that a hysterical woman ran into the lobby of the motel and was covered in blood. College Station Police Officers responded to the motel and found the woman, Cheatham's then-girlfriend, bloodied and with cigarette burns to the face.

She reported being assaulted by Cheatham after tossing a straw in his general direction. She reported that Cheatham struck her repeatedly in the face, causing injury to his right hand. Officers did not find Cheatham until seven hours later, when a concerned citizen called law enforcement to report a man asleep in a vehicle at Highway 6 and Fitch. When officers contacted Cheatham, he had a swollen and fractured right hand.

Assistant District Attorneys Will Ward and Ekua Assabill prosecuted the case. "Domestic violence is a serious issue, and it will be taken seriously in this community. We are pleased with the outcome of this trial."

