



PRESS RELEASE

Abuser Sentenced to 23 Years for Domestic Violence Assault

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Bryan, TX – Charles Dean, 49, was sentenced to 23 years in prison today for Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon. The judge also made an affirmative finding of family violence.

On December 15, 2013, Bryan Police responding to a vehicle/train collision encountered Dean with his arm around his then-girlfriend's throat walking down the side of the road. Officers initially believed they may have been involved in the collision. Upon turning around to investigate, officers discovered that Dean and the victim had disappeared. About that time, another witness approached the officers asking for help because Dean was holding the victim hostage with a knife to her throat.

Officers later learned that the situation had been ongoing for several hours at the victim's residence. During the altercation at the house, Dean told the victim they were "going to die together." During the ordeal, Dean forced the victim's uncle to leave the victim's residence by threatening to harm the victim. After being forced to leave, the victim's uncle then ran next door for help. Neighbors were eventually able to convince Dean to leave the victim's house, but he forced the victim to leave with him. The defendant and victim then began walking down the street with the victim when officers arrived.

Dean has prior convictions for Assault, Forgery, Burglary of a Habitation, Burglary of a Building, Criminal Mischief, Theft, and Evading Arrest. Dean will have to serve at least half of his sentence before being eligible for parole.

“Dean’s violent actions showed a complete disregard for human life and a disregard for the legal system and society in general. Such behavior will not be tolerated in Brazos County.”

— Jennifer Hebert, Assistant District Attorney

