



PRESS RELEASE

Abuser Sentenced to 17 Years for Domestic Violence

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Bryan, TX - On Thursday, April 6, 2023, Clifford Moten pled guilty and was sentenced to 17 years in prison for charges related to assaulting an ex-girlfriend and violating his conditions of bond during the pendency of the case.

On January 30, 2020, Bryan Police were dispatched after the Defendant's ex-girlfriend reported that the Defendant had assaulted her during an argument. The victim reported that the argument began when she refused to allow him to go through her phone. During the assault, the Defendant struck the victim multiple times and ordered his dog to attack her. The police found the victim with visible injuries, including a dog bite, consistent with her report.

After his release on bond for the January assault, the Defendant was arrested three additional times for violating his conditions of bond related to the victim's safety. The defendant's violations involved stalking behavior, including repeatedly calling the victim, verbally threatening the victim, showing up at the victim's residence, and showing up at the victim's employment. Each of these actions were specifically forbidden by the protective orders and bond conditions issued by the court.

During the final arrest, the defendant engaged in a prolonged standoff with Bryan Police, requiring multiple roads to be shut down in an effort to safely arrest the defendant.

The defendant had previously been sentenced to prison on two prior occasions for assaulting other prior girlfriends. This case was investigated by the Bryan Police Department and prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Jessica Escue

“The most dangerous time in a violent relationship is when a victim attempts to end that relationship. Our office will strongly protect victims of violence and will not tolerate any intimidation or retaliation against them.” - Jessica Escue, Assistant District Attorney

