



PRESS RELEASE

Defendant Sentenced To Prison For Domestic Violence February 9, 2015

Norman Wayne Gantt, 27, was sentenced to five years in prison today for three counts of Assault Family Violence. Gantt's convictions come from assaults on his wife, his stepson, and his pregnant girlfriend.

On June 9, 2013, Gantt's stepson called 911 to report that Gantt had assaulted both him and his mother. The stepson reported that the defendant was assaulting his mother when he heard her cry out in distress. The stepson responded by stepping in to defend her. When he stepped in, the stepson was also assaulted by the defendant. Neighbors heard Gantt's wife screaming for help. They also saw Gantt run after his wife in the parking lot of their apartment complex and hit her in the face.

On March 16, 2014, Gantt's wife reported being pulled out of her car by Gantt and punched in the face multiple times. Five months later, on August 8, 2014, Gantt's pregnant girlfriend reported Gantt slapped her in the face, punched her in the head, and punched her in the stomach.

Gantt had previously been convicted of domestic violence in Washington County.

This case was prosecuted on behalf of the State by Jennifer Hebert.

**“This sentence takes a violent offender off our streets and protects his family members from further violence.” —
Jennifer Hebert, Asst. District Attorney**

