



PRESS RELEASE

Domestic Violence Abuser Sentenced to Prison for Violent Attack March 27, 2020

Bryan, TX – Justin Garcia pled guilty to Assault Family Violence with a Previous Conviction in the 361st District Court last week. As a result of his plea, the defendant was sentenced to seven out of a maximum ten years in prison.

In April 2018, the defendant attacked his ex-girlfriend from behind as she was getting grocery bags out of her car at her home. The victim said she did not initially know who was attacking her. As a result of her injuries, the victim's family took her to the hospital where medical staff discovered the victim had multiple large bruises and scratches in different stages of healing on nearly every part of her body. The victim admitted to medical staff and law enforcement that the defendant caused a number of these injuries prior to this attack outside her home. The victim further described ongoing abuse at the hands of the defendant, which had gone on for years. This on-going abuse resulted in numerous injuries over the years. The defendant had a previous misdemeanor conviction for assaulting the same victim.

A witness came forward to law enforcement reporting that the defendant blamed the victim for the attack. The witness further reported that the defendant was angry because the victim had recently broken up with the defendant.

As part of the plea, the defendant agreed to a lifetime protective order that prohibits him from contacting the victim, her family, or her future children for the rest of his life.

The defendant also pled guilty to the maximum sentence of a year in jail for a separate assault against a different victim.

These cases were investigated by the College Station Police Department, the Bryan Police Department, the Brazos County Sheriff's Office and prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Amanda Koenig.

“The most dangerous time for a victim is the first two weeks after they leave an abuser. Safety plans, support, and our local women's shelter can help a victim safely escape abuse. Thanks to the collaboration of the Brazos County Domestic Violence High Risk Team we were able to protect this victim and bring this abuser to justice.”

- Amanda Koenig, Assistant District Attorney

