



PRESS RELEASE

Abuser Receives 12 Years for Assaulting Girlfriend, Grandfather

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Bryan, TX – Malachi Muse, 28, of Hearne was convicted of Burglary of a Habitation, Assault Family Violence with a Previous Conviction, and Bail Jumping on Monday by Judge Travis Bryan, III. Muse was sentenced to twelve years in prison for the offenses.

On December 22, 2019, Bryan Police were called to the home of Muse's grandfather for a reported assault. The grandfather reported that Muse had become angry with him and during the argument, had punched him repeatedly in the face. Police documented that the victim's eye was swollen, and his mouth was actively bleeding from the assault. Muse fled the scene prior to officers' arrival.

On February 2, 2020, Bryan Police responded to the home of Muse's ex-girlfriend in response to a 911 phone call where the call taker could hear screaming. Police discovered upon arrival that the defendant had come over to the victim's home and demanded that she leave with him. When she refused, the defendant kicked in her front door and began beating her in front of her two sisters. The defendant then grabbed a knife and threatened all three women. During police interviews, Muse continuously yelled at the women and appeared to be under the influence of a controlled substance. When he was arrested, Muse refused to cooperate and forcibly fought the officers' attempts to arrest him.

Muse was originally pled guilty and was scheduled to be sentenced to eight years in prison on August 3rd. However, Muse did not appear for sentencing and a warrant was issued for his arrest. Muse was arrested by the College Station Police Department on August 12th after an undercover operation. Muse was subsequently charged with Bail Jumping for his failure to appear at his court date and a new sentence of twelve years on the other charges was assessed.

Muse's criminal history includes prior convictions for Assault Family Violence, Violation of a Protective Order, and Burglary of a Habitation

These cases were investigated by the Bryan and College Station Police Department and were prosecuted by Jessica Escue.

A person's home should be a sacred place where they feel safe. Muse's forcible invasion of the victim's home and violence towards individuals he claims to love requires a strong response. - Jessica Escue, Assistant District Attorney

