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Man Gets 4 Years in Prison for Assaulting Wife with Bat

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On June 23, 2014, Perry Mitchell pled guilty to Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon and was sentenced to 4 years in prison. During an argument, Mitchell struck his wife in the head with a baseball bat which finally led to police being called to the scene. Bryan police officers arrived to find blood on the walls and floor of the home, and the victim bleeding from the head. She was transported from the scene and treated at the hospital. The victim told law enforcement that she had suffered abuse at the hands of Mitchell on previous incidents during their marriage, but that she had chosen not to report any of the prior assaults.

The defendant had successfully completed probation terms for Burglary of a Building in the early '90s but had not been arrested for any offenses since then. The conviction comes with an affirmative finding of family violence which means that any future family violence assaults will be felony offenses, and the conviction includes an affirmative finding that a deadly weapon was used in the offense. As a result of the deadly weapon finding, the defendant will not be eligible for parole until at least half of his sentence is served. Assistant District Attorney Ryan Calvert prosecuted the case and said,

“The use of a deadly weapon to settle an argument is unacceptable. Violence has no place in our community and least of all in our homes.” — Ryan Calvert

