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Defendant Receives Maximum Sentence For Domestic Violence Assault

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Bryan, TX – On Wednesday, June 19, 2019, Keshawn Wells pled guilty and was sentenced to the maximum of 20 years in prison for Assault Family Violence with a Prior Conviction and Continuous Violations of Bond Conditions in a Family Violence Case.

Wells' convictions stem from April 8, 2017, when police were called out to the victim's residence when a third party reported that they could hear the defendant assaulting the victim. The third party reported that they could hear the victim begging the defendant to stop and the defendant yelling at the victim and assaulting her.

When Bryan Police responded, they found that the victim had a bruised face and multiple injuries consistent with abuse. Bryan Police arrested Wells and charged him with Assault Family Violence with a Prior Conviction. Wells had previously been convicted of assaulting another ex-girlfriend in 2016. At his appearance before the magistrate following his arrest, Wells was placed on conditions of bond which forbid any contact with the victim.

The defendant repeatedly violated his conditions of bond by having contact with the victim, going by her residence, and assaulting a third party who attempted to stop the defendant from abusing the victim. As a result, prosecutors charged Wells with new offenses and asked Judge Travis Bryan to hold the defendant without bond pending trial. As part of his plea, Wells pled guilty to assaulting the third party and was also sentenced to 20 years in prison in that case.

Wells' prior criminal history included a five-year prison sentence for robbery in 2008.

This case was prosecuted by Jessica Escue and Amanda Koenig on behalf of the State of Texas.

This defendant repeatedly violated the court's orders while on bond to stay away from the victim and assaulted an innocent third party who attempted to stop the abuse. Twenty years is a just sentence is this case.

— Jessica Escue and Amanda Koenig, Assistant District Attorneys