



PRESS RELEASE

Abuser Sentenced to 20 Years for Domestic Violence

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Bryan, TX — Roderick Turner, 31, was sentenced on Friday to 20 years in prison by Judge Kyle Hawthorne at the conclusion of a punishment hearing. Turner was convicted of Burglary of a Habitation by the 85th jury on June 27th.

At 2:30 am on March 7, 2015, College Station Police were dispatched to the victim's home after the victim reported that the defendant, her ex-boyfriend, was beating on her door and refused to leave. The Defendant left shortly before police arrived, but did extensive damage to the victim's door. The victim requested that a criminal trespass warning be issued to the Defendant for her residence.

The next day, the defendant again showed up at the victim's residence, beating on the door and demanding to be let inside. Once the victim began to open the door, the defendant shoved his way inside and began repeatedly punching the victim in front of their four-year-old child. The four-year-old attempted to summon help for her mother via her tablet computer.

The victim attempted to escape the defendant by locking herself in the bathroom, but the defendant forced his way inside the bathroom and continued assaulting her. College Station Police responded to the scene, and had to physically prevent the Defendant from continuing to assault the victim. Police also noted visible, fresh injuries to the victim's face and scalp.

During the punishment phase, prosecutors presented evidence that the defendant had previously been sentenced to prison for Deadly Conduct, was an admitted member of the Bloods criminal street gang, and refused to take responsibility for any prior criminal conduct during the pre-sentence investigation report.

This case was prosecuted by Jessica Escue and Hilary Sanchez.

“This defendant has a history of violence both inside and outside of the home. With this sentence, Judge Hawthorne assured that all members of the community would be safe from his behavior for a long time.”

- Jessica Escue & Hilary Sanchez, Assistant District Attorneys

