

## **PRESS RELEASE**

## Man Sentenced to Twelve Years for Domestic Violence

## July 24, 2018

College Station, TX – On Monday, July 23, 2018, Judge Kyle Hawthorne found that 30-year-old Samuel Norris violated the terms of his probation and adjudicated him guilty of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. Judge Hawthorne then sentenced Norris to 12 years in prison and made affirmative findings that family violence and a deadly weapon were involved in the Aggravated Assault.

Norris's conviction stemmed from incident on August 08, 2016 when Norris became angry after his fiancé did not answer his phone calls. When he confronted her about her failure to answer the phone, Norris slapped her in front of their children and then threatened her with a knife. The victim escaped the residence and called 911. Norris fled the scene before College Station Police arrived.

After the officers completed their interviews, they were able to escort the victim and her children to Phoebe's Home. Phoebe's Home is a shelter for victims of domestic violence.

Originally, Norris was placed on probation for the assault. However, Norris fled Texas and moved to Florida without the court's permission. Norris was eventually arrested and returned to Texas where his probation was revoked.

After the officers arrived, they were able to escort the victim and her children to Phoebe's Home. Phoebe's Home is a shelter for victims of domestic violence. Assistant District Attorneys Hilary Sanchez & Amy Eades prosecuted the case on behalf of the State of Texas.

