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Career Domestic Violence Abuser Receives 45 years in Prison for Crimes

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Bryan, TX – Today, Trumaine Carter was sentenced to 45 years in prison for Continuous Violence Against a Family Member, 45 years in prison for Assault Family Violence with a Prior Conviction, and 20 years in prison for Evading Arrest with a Prior Conviction. Carter agreed to a sentence of 45 years after the 361st jury found him guilty of Assault Family Violence with a Prior Conviction yesterday afternoon.

Between February of 2016 and May of 2016, Bryan Police responded multiple times to domestic violence incidents between Carter and the victim. In each of these incidents, third party witnesses called 911 to report the domestic violence. When police arrived, they found the victim with visible injuries, including black eyes, and bruises under her arms. In each case, the victim was reluctant to talk with police and uncooperative with law enforcement efforts.

Sergeant Chris Reyes of the Bryan Police Department worked with the responding officers to compile these cases together and present them as a complete picture to the Brazos County District Attorney's Office. In May of 2016, Carter was arrested for Continuous Violence Against a Family Member. During the arrest, Carter ran from the police and was charged with Evading with a Prior Conviction. After his arrest, Carter was placed on bond conditions by Judge Steve Smith of the 361st District Court. These conditions included no contact with the victim and wearing a GPS monitor.

On November 17, 2017 Bryan Police responded to the University Inn after multiple 911 callers reported that they could see Carter dragging the victim by her hair and repeatedly punching her in the face. Police found the victim with visible bruising to her face consistent with being punched and deep bruises to the undersides of her arms. Carter was charged with Assault Family Violence with a Prior Conviction as a result of this case. It was this charge that the jury convicted the defendant of





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Carter's punishment range was enhanced to a minimum of 25 years in prison because of prior prison sentences related to domestic violence. In 2005, Carter was convicted of Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon after a third party intervened to stop Carter from assaulting his girlfriend. Carter responded by pulling a firearm, pointing it at the victim, and threatening to kill him. In 2010, Bryan Police attempted to stop the Defendant after he was reported as violating a protective order against his girlfriend. Instead of stopping, Carter led police on a high speed chase, topping 100 mph on South College Ave. Carter ultimately crashed his vehicle into the vehicle of an innocent bystander, who suffered broken ribs and a concussion as a result of the wreck.

Carter's convictions today result in his criminal history including a total of eight felony convictions and eleven misdemeanor convictions.

“This was a collaborative effort between the community, the District Attorney’s Office and the Bryan Police Department. In this case, three Brazos County citizens stepped up to help a woman they didn’t know escape a domestic violence relationship. Their courage, along with the Bryan Police Department’s excellent work helped bring this serial domestic violence abuser to justice.” — Cahal McColgan & Jessica Escue, Assistant District Attorneys

