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## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ABUSER SENTENCED TO LIFE FOR STABBING EX-GIRLFRIEND

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Bryan, TX – Yesterday, Gabriel Jones, was assessed a sentence of Life in prison by the 361st jury for stabbing his ex-girlfriend multiple times and cutting her throat. The jury found Jones guilty of Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon Causes Serious Bodily Injury, Family Violence on Wednesday morning.

On April 8, 2016, the defendant borrowed a knife from one coworker and a vehicle from another coworker before going over to the victim's home. The defendant was angry because the victim had repeatedly turned down his sexual advances. She wanted to focus on co-parenting the child they had together.

After the defendant drove to her residence, he played with their son and again made a sexual advance towards the victim. After she refused again, the defendant stabbed the victim fourteen times with the knife and slit her throat in front of their son. During the attack, the defendant threw their two-year old child across the room when he attempted to get to his mother. The defendant then fled the scene.

After the defendant fled, the two-year-old child knocked on a neighbor's door and led the neighbor to the victim, who was badly bleeding. Multiple neighbors called 911 in response to the attack.

The trauma staff at the College Station Medical Center, led by trauma surgeon Dr. David Gochnour, was waiting for the victim at the hospital at her arrival. Because of their timely intervention, they were able to repair the significant injuries of the victim. Dr. Gouchnour testified that the victim's jugular veins were cut and that because of the multiple stab wounds, both lungs collapsed. Gouchner also stated that without medical intervention the Defendant could have killed the victim.

During the attack, the defendant severed part of his finger. A fingerprint analyst testified the defendant's prints matched the finger left at the scene.

In punishment, another ex-girlfriend of the Gabriel Jones testified that he punched her and gave her two black eyes. The jury also heard testimony about phone calls the defendant made from jail where he threatened her if she ended their relationship.





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Alison Porteau, an expert in domestic violence, testified that the defendant's actions towards both women were consistent with an escalating domestic violence abuser. She also testified about the life-long impact of domestic violence on both victims and children in violent relationships.

The case was investigated by the College Station Police Department and the Bryan Police Department and prosecuted by Assistant District Attorneys Jessica Escue and Amanda Koenig. The State would like to thank the College Station Police Department, Dr. David Gochnour and the staff at the College Station Medical Center, and Alison Porteau for their dedication and hard work in this case.

"A life sentence fits the brutality of this crime. This sentence is justice for the victim and her son. The defendant will not have an opportunity to terrorize any more women and children." - Jessica Escue and Amanda Koenig, Brazos County Assistant District Attorneys

