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Canton man admits to beating his girlfriend, sentenced to 15 years in prison
State vs. Glenn Erik James Trojanek

March 29, 2024 – District Attorney Susan K. Treadaway announces that on March 15, 2024, Glenn Erik James Trojanek, 38, of Canton, entered a negotiated guilty plea to family violence aggravated assault, family violence aggravated battery, false imprisonment, family violence battery, cruelty to children in the third degree, criminal trespass, obstruction of an officer, and terroristic threats.

Superior Court Judge Shannon Wallace sentenced Trojanek as negotiated to 40 years, with the first 15 years to be served in confinement. When Trojanek is released from prison, he must adhere to conditions of probation, including completing the Family Violence Intervention Program, receiving evaluation and treatment for mental health and substance abuse, completing community service, and adhering to other special conditions.

Charges stem from a family violence incident that occurred on July 29, 2023. On that date, Canton Police officers were dispatched to an apartment complex for an unknown trouble call. When officers arrived, they found a severely injured woman and her children in the apartment. The suspect was missing.

Law enforcement then determined that Trojanek had escaped by jumping off the balcony and attempting to enter a first-floor apartment. When Canton Police officers detained Trojanek outside the apartment building, he initially refused to comply with their commands and threatened to kill one officer while he was being transported to the adult detention center.

“This abuse was sudden and very violent. Even when the victim begged for mercy, this defendant continued to attack her,” said Deputy Chief Assistant District Attorney Rachel Ashe, of the Domestic Violence Unit. “The evidence in this case was substantial. In addition to the documented injuries to the victim, law enforcement found clear signs of a long and brutal assault that occurred in multiple locations of their home.”

Cherokee County Fire & Emergency Services treated the victim on scene and took her to the hospital, where she was diagnosed with a broken tailbone. She also required multiple stitches for deep abrasions on her head and face. She later told officers that the abuse began when Trojanek grabbed her by the neck and began punching her in the face. During the assault, he strangled, kicked, and stomped her, in addition to pulling her by the hair.

“Had a concerned citizen not overheard the victim’s cries for help, this horrific assault would likely have continued, leaving this young woman with even more injuries,” said District Attorney Susan K. Treadaway. “Thankfully, this brave woman survived. Her incredible strength and resilience have helped her get through this nightmare, and our hope is that this sentence will bring her peace.”

This case was investigated by the Canton Police Department and prosecuted by Deputy Chief Assistant District Attorney Rachel Ashe, of the Domestic Violence Unit, Office of the District Attorney, Blue Ridge Judicial Circuit.

Domestic Violence

Domestic violence typically follows a pattern, with tension building, followed by a major act of violence, a calm period, and then cycling back to tension building. As time passes, the violent episodes often get more serious and may lead to a lethal act.

Strangulation is one of the most lethal forms of domestic violence even though injuries may appear to be mild or victims may have no visible marks. According to the Training Institute on Strangulation Prevention, strangulation is the ultimate form of power and control in which the batterer asserts control over the victim's next breath. Odds for homicide increase substantially (750%) for victims who have been previously strangled.

If you or someone you know is impacted by domestic violence, please contact the Cherokee Family Violence Center, CFVC.org, 770-479-1703 (24/7 crisis hotline). In case of an emergency, call 911.

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