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AURORA MAN WHO SEVERELY BEAT WOMAN GETS 40-YEAR SENTENCE

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An Aurora man will spend the next several decades in prison for kidnapping and beating his neighbor during a violent 2010 altercation.

Jean Marc Faison, 26 (d.o.b. 12-20-1985), of the 200 block of Trask Street, Aurora, was sentenced today by Circuit Judge M. Karen Simpson to 40 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections.

Faison was convicted Sept. 30, 2011, by a Kane County jury, of one count of attempted first-degree murder while armed with a firearm, a Class X felony, two counts of armed violence, each a Class X felony, two counts of aggravated kidnapping, each a Class X felony, one count of aggravated battery with a deadly weapon, a Class 3 felony, one count of aggravated battery causing great bodily harm, a Class 3 felony, one count of kidnapping, a Class 2 felony, one count of unlawful possession of a weapon by a felon, a Class 3 felony, one count of possession of a weapon without a FOID card, a Class 3 felony, one count of aggravated unlawful restraint, a Class 3 felony, one count of battery, a Class A misdemeanor.

Early Nov. 20, 2010, Faison, co-defendant Monserrat B. Arreola, 25, (d.o.b. 11-16-1986), of the 600 block of Montrose Drive, Romeoville, the victim and a witness were at the victim's house. After Arreola attacked the victim for an unknown reason, the witness attempted to intervene, but was chased away by Faison, who had a gun. After the witness left and called 911, Faison and Arreola forced the victim into the basement. Faison then held a shotgun to the victim's face while he and Arreola punched and kicked the victim about her body, face and head. Arreola then repeatedly slashed the victim's face with the knife. Faison then dragged the victim upstairs and outside to where the victim saw Faison's car in driveway with the trunk open. As he dragged her upstairs, Faison told the victim he would kill her children if she tried to escape. Upon seeing the open trunk, the victim believed that Faison and Arreola planned to kill her. When Faison became distracted, the victim was able to escape. She knocked on neighboring doors seeking help until someone answered and called 911.

Police had earlier responded to the area after the witness' 911 call but were unable to locate the suspects or victim because they had forced her into the basement.

The sentence is:

- 25 years on the attempted murder plus a mandatory 15-year enhancement because a firearm was used during the commission of the crime
- 25 years on the aggravated kidnapping plus a mandatory 15-year enhancement because a firearm was used during the commission of the crime
- 20 years on the armed violence with a knife, 15 years on the armed violence with a knife
- 12 years on the unlawful use of a weapon by a felon
- Eight years on the possession of a firearm without a FOID card

The sentences are to be served concurrently.

According to Illinois Law, Faison must serve at least 85 percent of the sentence. He was given credit for at least 421 days served in the Kane County jail,

"This was a disturbing case, and this defendant clearly is a danger to society," Kane County State's Attorney Joe McMahon said. "His actions show a complete lack of respect for human dignity. This sentence is appropriate given his conduct. Our thanks to the officers and detectives of the Aurora Police Department for their thorough investigation of this case."

The case was prosecuted by Kane County Assistant State's Attorneys Jonathan McKay, Deborah Lang and Lori Anderson.

The case against Arreola is pending. Her next court appearance is set for 9 a.m. Feb. 16, 2012, in Courtroom 313 in front of Associate Judge James C. Hallock. Arreola is charged with one count of attempted first-degree murder while armed with a firearm, a Class X felony, two counts of armed violence, each a Class X felony, two counts of aggravated kidnapping, each a Class X felony, one count of aggravated battery with a deadly weapon, a Class 3 felony, one count of aggravated battery causing great bodily harm, a Class 3 felony, one count of kidnapping, a Class 2 felony, one count of unlawful possession of a weapon by a felon, a Class 3 felony, one count of possession of a weapon without a FOID card, a Class 3 felony, one count of aggravated unlawful restraint, a Class 3 felony, one count of battery, a Class A misdemeanor.

Arreola remains in the Kane County jail, where she has been held since her arrest, in lieu of \$75,000 bail.

The charges against Arreola are not proof of guilt. Arreola is presumed innocent and is entitled to a fair trial in which it is the state's burden to prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.