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COOK COUNTY MAN RE-SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR REPEATED PROBATION VIOLATIONS ON 2008 SENTENCE

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A Cook County man has been sent to prison for repeatedly violating terms of the probation sentence he received for his 2008 conviction for harassing Aurora 911 dispatchers.

Brian L. Countryman, 51 (d.o.b. 11-11-1961), LKA of the 0-99 block of Westwood Drive, Indian Head Park, Ill., was re-sentenced Tuesday, Nov. 13, 2012, by Associate Judge James C. Hallock, to six years in the Illinois Department of Corrections.

The re-sentencing brings to a conclusion Countryman's involvement in two Kane County cases dating to February 2008.

On Feb. 16-17, 2008, Countryman placed 297 telephone calls within 24 hours to Aurora 911. In the calls, Countryman was belligerent, used profanity, threatened a 911 dispatcher and threatened to blow up the Aurora Police Department.

On Dec. 1, 2008, Countryman placed 55 calls to Aurora 911 dispatchers, during which he played loud music into the phone and used profanity. During the final call, Countryman apologized for his behavior. At the time, Countryman was free on bond for the Feb. 16-17 offense.

On May 1, 2009, Countryman agreed to a sentence of 30 months' probation in exchange for a guilty plea to two counts of telephone harassment, each a Class 4 felony. Persons on probation must adhere to certain specific conditions, one being that he or she must not violate the law.

On Nov. 10, 2010, Countryman admitted to a violation of his probation as a result of committing a new offense of telephone harassment in Cook County. He was sentenced on the probation violation to an additional 24 months' probation and six months of electronic home monitoring.

In March 2011, Countryman further violated his probation by committing the offenses of telephone harassment, a Class 4 felony, in DuPage County and aggravated stalking, a Class 3 felony, in Cook County.

Specifically, on March 11, 2011, in DuPage County, Countryman called an acquaintance and threatened physical harm. Countryman was convicted and sentenced to two years in IDOC.

On March 31, 2011, in Cook County, Countryman left threatening messages on the telephone of an acquaintance. Countryman was convicted and sentenced to four years in IDOC.

The prison terms in the Cook and DuPage county cases were to be served concurrently.

On June 14, 2012, Countryman admitted to Judge Hallock that he had violated the terms of his Kane County probation.

At the Nov. 13, 2012, hearing, Countryman was re-sentenced to three years in IDOC for each of the 2008 cases. The sentences are to be served consecutive to one another, and consecutive to the Cook and DuPage county cases.

Countryman is eligible for day-for-day credit.