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AURORA MAN GETS 9-YEAR SENTENCE FOR ATTACK THAT LEFT VICTIM WITH FACIAL INJURIES

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An Aurora man will go to prison for an unprovoked attack that left the victim with significant facial injuries.

38-year-old **Sweed A. Strickland** on Aug. 22, 2019, agreed to a sentence of 9 years' imprisonment in the Illinois Department of Corrections in exchange for a guilty plea to the offense of aggravated battery, Class 2 felony.

Kane County Associate Judge Charles E. Petersen accepted the plea.

Kane County Assistant State's Attorney Lori Anderson stated in court that the evening of July 24, 2018, Strickland was chasing his girlfriend along New York Street in Aurora when he encountered two bystanders, one of them being the victim, who is older than 60 years old. Strickland then, unprovoked, approached the victim, who was seated the front porch of his home, and punched him several times in the face. The blows fractured the victim's nose and severed an artery in his eye.

Witnesses recognized Strickland from the neighborhood and identified him to police.

In accordance with Illinois law, Strickland must serve at least 85 percent of the sentence. Strickland receives credit for 387 days served in the Kane County jail, where he has been held since his arrest.

Strickland was eligible for enhanced sentencing guidelines because of his criminal history, which includes a 1999 conviction for aggravated battery with a firearm and a 2016 conviction for aggravated battery to a peace officer.

Sweed A. Strickland: Age 38 (d.o.b. 11-7-1980) of the 1-99 block of North Loucks Street, Aurora, Illinois. Case No. 18CF1962.