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MAN CHARGED WITH FELONY DOMESTIC BATTERY FOR CHOKING VICTIM

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Kane County State's Attorney Joe McMahon has charged 28-year-old **Brandon Z. Baaske** with the offenses of:

- Aggravated domestic battery – strangulation, Class 2 felony
- Criminal damage to property, Class 4 felony
- Domestic battery, Class A misdemeanor
- Disorderly conduct, Class C misdemeanor

Kane County prosecutors allege that the morning of March 30, 2020, at the victim's Aurora Township residence Baaske began shouting at the victim, pushed the victim into a wall causing the victim's head to strike a picture frame, which fell to the floor. Baaske grabbed the victim by the neck, impeding the victim's ability to breathe. The victim's young child then came into the room, Baaske went outside and the victim locked the door. Baaske then kicked in the door, causing the doorframe to break. The victim and the child then hid in the bathroom until Kane County Sheriff's deputies arrived. Baaske and the victim have a domestic relationship. The child witnessed the alleged crime.

Baaske appeared March 30, 2020, in Kane County bond court. The judge set Baaske's bail at \$25,000 and released him on his promise to appear in court. As conditions of bond, Baaske cannot have contact with the victim, must stay away from the victim's home and must surrender all firearms to the police.

The judge set Baaske's next court appearance for 9 a.m. May 8, 2020, in Courtroom 319 at the Kane County Judicial Center.

The Kane County Sheriff's Office conducted the investigation.

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

Brandon Z. Baaske: Age 28 (d.o.b. 2-14-1992), of the 38W block of Bergquist Drive, Geneva Township, Illinois. Case No. 20CF639.