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AURORA MAN GETS 6-YEAR PRISON SENTENCE FOR STRANGLING GIRLFRIEND DURING ARGUMENT

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Kane County Associate Judge Charles O. Petersen on Thursday, June 11, 2020, sentenced 50-year-old **Andre Harden** to 6 years of imprisonment in the Illinois Department of Corrections.

A Kane County jury on March 3, 2020, found Harden guilty of the offenses of:

- Aggravated domestic battery/strangulation, Class 2 felony, 2 counts
- Domestic battery, Class 3 felony, 7 counts
- Unlawful restraint, Class 4 felony
- Interfering with reporting domestic violence, Class A misdemeanor

Kane County Assistant State's Attorneys Kelli Schmidt and Maggie O'Brien stated in court that on July 30, 2019, Harden and the victim were arguing when Harden threw her on bed, grabbed the victim around the throat and strangled the victim. When the victim tried to escape through a window, a neighbor heard screaming and called 911. Investigators found bruising on the victim's neck, arms, chest and legs.

Harden is eligible for extended sentencing based on a 2011 conviction for residential burglary in Kane County. He also has multiple prior convictions for domestic battery in Kane County.

In accordance with Illinois law, Harden must serve at least 85 percent of the sentence. Harden receives credit for 318 days served in the Kane County jail.

Kane County State's Attorney Joe McMahon said:

"Mr. Harden is a serial domestic abuser who cannot handle disagreements without resorting to violence. Perhaps a few years in prison will help him learn there is a better way to handle disputes."

Andre Harden: Age 50 (d.o.b. 2-6-1970), of the 200 block of Center Avenue, Aurora, Illinois. Case No. 19CF1524.