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### **JUDGE GIVES AURORA SIBLINGS 120 DAYS JAIL FOR AGGRAVATED BATTERY TO A POLICE OFFICER**

*RE: Jennifer M. Taylor: Age 26 (D.O.B. 3-25-1997), and Sheba A. Taylor: Age 29 (D.O.B. 1-19-1995), of the 7000 block of S. Paulina Street, Chicago, Illinois. Case No. 2021CF1112 and No. 2021CF1113.*

**St. Charles, Ill.** - Kane County State's Attorney Jamie L. Mosser announces that Judge D.J. Tegeler has sentenced Jennifer Taylor and Sheba Taylor to 120 days of imprisonment in the Kane County jail, 200 hours of community service, and 4 years of probation.

On January 19th, a jury convicted Jennifer Taylor of the offenses:

- Aggravated Battery to a Police Officer, Class 2 felony (2 counts)
- Aggravated Battery on a Public Way, Class 3 felony (2 counts)
- Aggravated Assault of a Police Officer, Class 4 felony

On January 19th, a jury convicted Sheba Taylor of the offenses:

- Aggravated Battery to a Police Officer, Class 2 felony (2 counts)
- Aggravated Battery on a Public Way Causing Bodily Harm, Class 3 felony
- Resisting a Peace Officer Causing Injury, Class 4 felony

State's Attorney Jamie Mosser and Assistant State's Attorneys Brandon Raney, Sarah Norkus, and Katherine London presented the following facts in court:

On June 21, 2021, Officer J. Miranda of the Aurora Police Department conducted a traffic stop on a silver Toyota Camry after observing it disobey a stop sign. The vehicle was driven by Paul Sherrod Taylor and there were several other passengers within. Paul Taylor's sisters, Jennifer M. Taylor and Sheba A. Taylor, were inside the vehicle. After pulling into a private driveway, Officer Miranda approached the driver. Within seconds, Sheba Taylor exited the vehicle and

refused to get back into the vehicle despite being lawfully ordered to do so by Officer Miranda. Sherrod Taylor then exited the vehicle, aggressively approached and threatened the officer. Officer Miranda then ordered Sherrod Taylor to get back into the vehicle which he refused to do.

Officer Miranda then attempted to place Sherrod Taylor in handcuffs for obstruction of a peace officer when Sherrod Taylor shoved him and fled. Officer Miranda quickly became engaged in a foot pursuit with Sherrod Taylor. At some point, Sherrod Taylor stopped, turned around and aggressively faced off with the officer by putting up his fists and commencing a fighting stance while yelling at the officer to “keep running, boy.”

Officer Miranda decided not to engage with Sherrod Taylor until back-up officers would arrive. As Officer Miranda turned to walk towards his squad car, he was met by Jennifer and Sheba Taylor who attacked him. As Officer Miranda attempted to gain control over Sheba Taylor to effectuate the arrest of her for obstruction of a peace officer, both sisters actively resisted the officer and struck him repeatedly.

While the sisters attacked the officer, Sherrod Taylor called 911 and threatened Officer Miranda to a 911 Dispatcher, stating multiple times that he would “kill” the officer unless police arrived immediately. Additionally, he could be heard on the 911 call repeatedly screaming to Officer Miranda “I’m going to kill you bitch.”

Aurora officers arrived on the scene within minutes where they observed Sheba Taylor sitting on Officer Miranda’s chest and neck while simultaneously being held down by Jennifer Taylor. The sisters had to be physically removed from Officer Miranda’s body by other Aurora police officers.

In accordance with Illinois law, Sheba Taylor and Jennifer Taylor are eligible for day-for-day sentencing. They receive 4 days of credit for time served in the Kane County jail.

**SA Mosser said:** “Judge Tegeler aptly recognized that what should have been a routine traffic case tragically escalated into an assault on a law enforcement officer due to the choices made by these defendants. It is fitting that they face the consequences of their actions with incarceration. This verdict reinforces the importance of respecting lawful orders and the consequences of endangering the lives of those who serve and protect. I extend my gratitude to Assistant State’s Attorneys Raney, Norkus, and London for their diligent efforts in pursuing justice. I also commend Officer Miranda and the Aurora Police Department for their unwavering professionalism throughout this ordeal.”

**Aurora Chief of Police Keith Cross said:** “The actions of the defendants highlight the dangers police officers face each day. We are grateful for the verdicts in this case and hope it deters others from perpetrating unnecessary and violent behavior against police. We recognize Officer Miranda, not only for his response to these acts of aggression, but for his continued dedication and service to our community. We also extend our appreciation to Detective M. Adam for his thorough investigation into this matter.”

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