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AURORA SIBLINGS FOUND GUILTY OF AGGRAVATED BATTERY TO A POLICE OFFICER

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*RE: **Paul Sherrod Taylor**: Age 32 (D.O.B. 9-11-1992), of the 600 block of Elmwood Drive, Aurora, Illinois. Case No. 2021CF1114. **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 2021CF1113.*

Kane County State's Attorney Jamie L. Mosser announces that defendants who attacked an Aurora Police officer were found guilty of the following offenses:

Paul Sherrod Taylor was found guilty by Judge Alice Tracy of the following offenses:

- Aggravated Battery to a Police Officer, Class 2 felony
- Threatening a Public Official, Class 3 Felony
- Aggravated Assault of a Police Officer, Class 4 Felony
- Resisting a Peace Officer, Class A Misdemeanor

Sheba A. Taylor was found guilty by a jury of the following 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

Jennifer M. Taylor was found guilty by a jury of the following 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

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.

Judge Tracy set Paul Sherrod Taylor's next court appearance for March 25, 2024 at 1:30 p.m. in Courtroom 113 at the Kane County Judicial Center for motions and sentencing. Sherrod Taylor faces a sentence of between three and seven years of imprisonment in the Illinois Department of Corrections but is eligible for probation.

Sherrod Taylor remains out on bail until sentencing.

Judge Tegeler set Jennifer and Sheba Taylor's next court appearance for April 19, 2024 at 1:30 p.m. in Courtroom 313 at the Kane County Judicial Center for motions and sentencing. The Taylor sisters also face sentences between three and seven years imprisonment in the Illinois Department of Corrections but are eligible for probation.

Jennifer and Sheba Taylor both remain out on bail until sentencing.

SA Mosser said: "This matter started out as a simple traffic violation and it ended in the three people being charged with serious felonies. These defendants are now all convicted felons because they would not comply with the lawful orders of Officer Miranda. They engaged in dangerous behavior that risked the life of an officer who was just doing his job. Hopefully this will teach the defendants to comply with the law or face the consequences of the legal system. My thanks to Assistant State's Attorneys Raney, Norkus and London on their work to bring justice to this case. My thanks to Officer Miranda and the Aurora Police Department for their professionalism during this incident and their thorough investigation."