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ELGIN MAN SENTENCED TO 50 YEARS FOR SEXUAL ASSAULT

*RE: **Zanzibah T. Stewart**: 45 years old (d.o.b. 05-11-1978), of the 1300 block of Fairwood Dr., Elgin, Illinois. Case No. 2020CF2166.*

Kane County State's Attorney Jamie L. Mosser announces that Judge Barsanti has sentenced **Zanzibah T. Stewart** to 50 years of imprisonment in the Illinois Department of Corrections.

On January 24, 2024, a jury found **Zanzibah Stewart** guilty of the offenses of:

- Aggravated criminal sexual assault, Class X felony (3 counts)
- Criminal sexual assault, Class 1 felony (3 counts)
- Aggravated unlawful restraint, Class 3 felony

Assistant State's Attorneys Amanda Busljeta and Matt Rodgers presented the following facts in court:

On November 8, 2020, Stewart threatened the victim, a woman Stewart knew at the time, with a knife. Stewart then sexually assaulted the victim.

In accordance with Illinois law, Stewart must serve 85 percent of 48 years of his sentence (counts 1-3, aggravated criminal sexual assault) and is eligible for day-for-day sentencing for the other 2 years of his sentence (count 7, aggravated unlawful restraint), all served consecutively. Stewart receives credit for 1,304 days served in the Kane County jail. In addition to the prison term, Stewart must register for life as a sexual offender in accordance with the Illinois Sexual Offender Registration Act.

ASA Busljeta said: "This is justice. The 50 year sentence ensures that the defendant will never be able to hurt the victim or any innocent person again. I hope it also sends a clear message that this horrendous criminal conduct will not be tolerated. My thanks to the victim for her bravery and to ASA Rodgers, former ASA Bill Engerman, the Elgin Police Department, and Victim Advocates Martha Martinez and Linda Hagemann for all their hard work on this case."

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