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**BARTLETT MAN SENTENCED TO 19 YEARS
FOR ATTEMPT FIRST-DEGREE MURDER**

*RE: **Jason M. Ostrego**: Age 30 (d.o.b. 09/30/1993), of the 600 block of White Oak Lane, Bartlett, IL 60103, Illinois. Case No. 2022CF209.*

St. Charles, Ill. - Kane County State's Attorney Jamie L. Mosser announces that Judge Kliment has sentenced **Jason M. Ostrego** to 19 years of imprisonment in the Illinois Department of Corrections.

On May 1, 2024, **Jason Ostrego** pled guilty to the offenses:

- Attempt first-degree murder, Class X felony
- Armed violence, Class X felony

Assistant State's Attorneys Eric Leafblad and Jilian Burns presented the following facts in court:

On January 31, 2022, the defendant, Jason Ostrego, was at a bar named Hoppe's Corner located at 1075 N. Liberty Street, Elgin, Illinois. Ostrego was drinking and began using racially charged language while complaining about the music playing on the jukebox. Ostrego was warned to stop using the racially charged language. When he refused to stop, he was kicked out of the bar.

Bar manager David Scruggs escorted Jason Ostrego to the parking lot where his mother was waiting to drive him home. Ostrego refused to leave with his mother and instead started to argue with Anton Patterson. Mr. Patterson is African American. Ostrego directed racial epithets towards Mr. Patterson and challenged him to fight. Ostrego's mother attempted to restrain him. Ostrego then broke free, produced a knife, and stabbed Patterson in the chest. Mr. Scruggs, the bar manager, hit Ostrego in the face in an effort to stop the attack on Mr. Patterson. Ostrego then

slashed Mr. Scruggs in the face and hand. Ostrego was arrested on the scene and the knife was recovered.

Mr. Patterson and Mr. Scruggs were treated at Sherman Hospital. Mr. Patterson suffered a stab wound to the right ventricle of his heart. Mr. Patterson's wound required open heart surgery to repair his heart. Mr. Scruggs required 15 stitches on his face and 5 stitches on his hand to treat his wounds. Mr. Scruggs' nose is now disfigured because of Ostrego's attack.

In accordance with Illinois law, Ostrego must serve at least 85 percent of the sentence.

ASA Leafblad said: "Jason Ostrego's actions were a brutal assault on two innocent individuals. We are very fortunate that this was not a homicide. If Mr. Patterson's or Mr. Scruggs' wounds had been an inch or two in a different location, this would be a murder case. This sentence reflects the severity of the defendant's crimes and serves as a reminder that violence, particularly racially motivated violence, will not be tolerated in our community. We commend the courage of Mr. Patterson and Mr. Scruggs, and we hope this verdict brings them a measure of justice and healing. We also extend our gratitude to the Elgin Police Department for their swift and professional response, which ensured Mr. Ostrego was apprehended and brought to justice."

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