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MORRIS MAN WHO SKIPPED TRIAL GETS 3¹/₂ YEARS IN PRISON FOR SUCKER PUNCH AT GENEVA BAR

DAVID HIETSCHOLD IS WANTED ON AN ARREST WARRANT

February 1, 2023

RE: David A. Hietschold: Age 43 (d.o.b. 11-4-1979), of the 4200 block of Bargo Lane, Morris, Illinois. Case No. 2021CF608.

Kane County State's Attorney Jamie L. Mosser announces that Judge David P. Kliment has sentenced *David A. Hietschold* to 3¹/₂ years of imprisonment in the Illinois Department of Corrections.

A Kane County jury convicted Hietschold of the offense of aggravated battery, Class 3 felony, two counts, on October 4, 2022.

Assistant State's Attorneys Sarah Norkus and Jessica Michels presented the following evidence in court:

On February 2, 2021, at about 9 p.m., Hietschold was at Third Street Station, a bar in the 300 block of Crescent Place, Geneva. Unprovoked, he approached the victim from behind and blindsided her with a closed-fist punch to the head that knocked her unconscious. Hietschold and the victim had not previously met, nor seen each other before the incident. The victim was taken by ambulance to the hospital.

The trial and sentencing hearing took place despite Hietschold's absence. He was last seen in court on July 22, 2022. Judge Kliment issued a warrant for his arrest when he failed to appear for his trial.

Anyone with information about Hietschold or his whereabouts should contact the Geneva Police Department at (630) 232-4736.

ASA Norkus said: "The victim was enjoying a quiet night out with a group of friends. She was seated at the opposite end of the bar from Hietschold when he marched over, wound up his arm and knocked her out with a blow to the head. A prison sentence is what Hietschold deserves, especially given his cowardly refusal to face his victim in court and accept responsibility for his actions. My thanks to the Geneva Police Department for their work in this investigation, to ASA Michels, and to victim advocate Linda Hagemann.

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