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Guilty Verdict in Town of Coeymans Domestic Violence Case



ALBANY, NY- District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that MATTHEW STANTON, 26, of Coeymans, was found guilty after a bench trial of (1) Count of Burglary in the First Degree, a Class B Felony, (3) Counts of Assault in the Second Degree, each Class D Felonies, (2) Counts of Aggravated Criminal Contempt, each Class D Felonies, (3) Counts of Criminal Contempt Second Degree, each Class A Misdemeanors, (1) Count of Assault in the Third Degree, a Class A Misdemeanors, and (1) Count of Attempted Coercion in the First Degree, a Class E Felony, before the Honorable Roger D. McDonough in Albany County Supreme Court on March 13, 2018.

Over a period of time between May 2016 and November 2016, on various occasions, STANTON was physically abusive towards two individuals who were known to him. The first report to police came as a result of a July 3rd incident after which both victims were hospitalized and police overheard Stanton in a phone call threaten to kill the victims if they notified the police. Stanton was arrested that day and remanded to Albany County Jail, later being released on bail in September 2016, with a Court issued No Contact Order of Protection mandating that STANTON not have any contact with the victims.

Subsequently, on November 27, while released on bail and in violation of the No Contact Order of Protection, STANTON did knowingly and unlawfully enter the victims' dwelling with intent to commit a crime and while inside did assault both victims, causing them injury. One victim refused to go to the hospital, while the other was transported with life threatening injuries, from which she later recovered after several weeks in the hospital. Stanton was arrested, returned to Albany County jail, and later again violated the No Contact Order of Protection by calling both victims from jail in an effort to prevent them from cooperating in his prosecution.

STANTON faces up to 25 years on the top count of Burglary in the First Degree, when sentenced on May 4, 2018.

Assistant District Attorney Caroline Murray of the Special Victims Unit handled the prosecution of this case.

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