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Chad Agosto Found Guilty of Assault

Rochester, NY- Prosecutor Monica O'Brien described the assault against the twenty year old female victim as "unprovoked, senseless, and violent." Yesterday evening, a Monroe County jury agreed, convicting her assailant, twenty-one year old Chad Agosto, of Assault with Intent to Cause Physical Injury, a class D Violent Felony that carries up to 7 Years in State Prison.

The evening of May 18, 2013 started out as a gathering among friends at the defendant's home located at 2395 Titus Avenue. As the party wound down in the early morning hours of the 19th and the victim retired to sleep on a downstairs couch, however, the night turned violent. Secretly enraged by the conduct of the victim that evening, Chad Agosto assaulted her as she slept, hitting her repeatedly with his fists before tearing a chin-up bar from of the wall and striking at her wildly, shattering bones within the victim's arm—a defensive wound resulting from her covering her head.

The victim was transported to the hospital by some of those remaining at the party, but didn't report the crime to authorities until two days later at a required follow up examination. A subsequent investigation by the Irondequoit Police Department and Investigators of the Monroe County District Attorney's Office led to Agosto's arrest, indictment, and incarceration until the start of Monday's trial. Jurors took only one hour to return their verdict. Though the jury was not allowed to hear of Agosto's past at his trial, Judge Thomas Moran will be able to consider the fact that the defendant is a predicate felon who was out on Parole the night of the assault at sentencing on January 13th.

The case was prosecuted for the People by Monica O'Brien of the Monroe County District Attorneys Office Special Victim's Trial Division.

"Like many who face these types of charges, Chad Agosto is a man with a history of violent behavior," said O'Brien. "The victim in this case showed great courage when she confronted her attacker at trial, and as a result, Mr. Agosto will no longer be free to harm those around him."

Chad Agosto will remain held in Monroe County Jail until his January sentencing. His victim continues to recover from her injuries.

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