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REPEAT FAMILY VIOLENCE OFFENDER SENTENCED TO 50 YEARS IN PRISON

Name: Terry Edward Keylon Jr.
Age: 42
Court: 435th District Court, Judge John Hafley presiding
Charges: Assault Family Violence Enhanced
Plea: Not Guilty
Verdict: By jury: Guilty on 04/04/2023
Sentence: By jury: 50 years TDCJ



On Friday, March 31, 2023, Montgomery County District Attorney's Office prosecutor Michael Ghutzman selected a jury and started testimony the following week. ADA Michael Ghutzman presented evidence that Terry Keylon, Jr., 42, assaulted his fiancé late in the evening on July 25, 2021, at their home in New Waverly, Texas. The victim testified that during the assault, Keylon grabbed her by the arms and head while slamming her repeatedly against cabinets in the kitchen and pulled out a chunk of her hair, leaving a visible bald patch. The victim testified that she left her residence and went to a nearby gas station, where she saw Deputy Joshua Wright with the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office. Deputy Wright testified to seeing visible injuries on the victim and gathering her statement. Deputy Wright attempted to follow up with Keylon but was refused when he arrived at the house. Wright later applied for a felony warrant for Keylon's arrest.

During punishment, the jury learned that Keylon had two prior felony convictions from two separate counties for strangling women with whom he was in a dating relationship. One of his previous victims testified that Keylon strangled her, bloodied her nose, and threatened to kill her in the presence of her then-four-year-old son. The jury also heard testimony that Keylon assaulted a Huntsville Police Department officer shortly after being arrested for strangling the same woman. Additional evidence was provided to show Keylon had been convicted numerous times out of state for Driving Under the Influence and convictions for Possession of a Controlled Substance and Obstructing a Police Officer. After considering all this, the jury returned a sentence of 50 years.

Prosecutor Michael Ghutzman: "This community once again shows that we stand together in our support for reluctant victims that speak out against perpetrators of family violence. I hope the jury's verdict and sentence in this case gives other victims the courage to come forward."

District Attorney Brett Ligon: "Repeat violent offenders that physically abuse and strangle women belong in prison. Our community is a safer place without Terry Keylon in it. I appreciate the deputies with the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office who investigated this case and both victims whose impactful testimony justified this lengthy sentence."