

other rings from her hands. He told her to face away and he fled the scene. She called the police and was taken to the hospital where their records reveal she suffered facial fractures and other injuries as a result of the assault. She was able to provide police with a description of him. In July another woman was assaulted on the street in St. Paul. This assault was similar to the first one except a passerby intervened before she was assaulted sexually. The defendant was apprehended at that point. The woman from the January assault saw a picture of him on TV and immediately recognized him as the man who assaulted her. She called the police at once. The woman in St. Paul suffered a facial fracture similar to the first woman's injury. The trial is taking place in front of Judge Burke.

## Domestic Violence Chronology

I choose this month's sample chronology because it was the one I cited when I testified before the House Judiciary Committee. As I'm sure many of you are aware this is but one of many domestic violence horror stories. The following information was collected from court records and police reports.

**Larry Guidry** was charged with domestic assault 11 times. Three of the charges were dismissed and he pled guilty on the other eight offenses.

### **October 1989, charged with disorderly conduct.**

- Imposition of sentence was stayed for one year, with conditions of no same or similar, no disorderly conduct, and no assault charges.

### **January 1990, charged with disorderly conduct and trespassing.**

- Pled guilty to the trespassing count, disorderly conduct count was dismissed.
- Sentenced to serve 10 days but that time was stayed for one year with conditions of no new trespassing charges.
- No action was taken on the stay of imposition from the October 1989 charge.

### **March 1991, charged with disorderly conduct.**

### **April 1991, charged with 5th degree assault.**

- He pled guilty and was sentenced to serve four days on the disorderly conduct. The assault charge was dismissed.

### **May 1991, charged with 5th degree assault**

- He pled guilty and was sentenced to serve 90 days at the ACF (adult correctional facility) with 60 days stayed for one year with conditions of probation, no same or similar, and no contact with the victim.
- At this point his other stayed time has expired.

### **August 1991, charged with 5th degree assault and disorderly conduct.**

- He pled guilty to 5th degree assault and the disorderly conduct

was dismissed. He was sentenced to serve 365 days at the ACF with 356 days stayed for two years.

- He was given credit for nine days in jail this case.
- The judge revoked nine days of his May 1991 sentence and gave him credit for the 9 days served on this new assault.

### **Later that same month he was charged again with 5th degree assault**

- He pled guilty and was given a continuance for dismissal for two years if he followed certain conditions: no violent crimes, no disorderly conduct, no same or similar.
- No time is revoked on his two stayed sentences from before.

### **February 1992, charged with 5th degree assault and disorderly conduct.**

- This charge was dismissed when he was sentenced on another new charge.

### **March 1992, charged with 2nd and 3rd degree assault.**

- First felony charge, he beat the same victim/survivor with a broken crutch cutting her in the head and the arm and breaking her ribs.
- As a result of this assault she received stitches in the right and left side of her head and on her arm.
- After attacking her with the crutch he laid her down on the bed and held a scissors to her and told her not to move or go anywhere.
- He said he might as well kill her because he knew he was going to go to jail anyway.
- She convinced him to let her go to clean up the blood on her head. Then she was able to escape out the back door and call the police.
- In her interview with the police she said Guidry has assaulted her seven times before. All but one were reported to the police.
- As a result of those assaults she sustained numerous injuries, some of which were a broken arm, broken nose, broken jaw, broken and bruised ribs and a stab-wound in the stomach.

### **He was sentenced in May of 1993 on the felony assault**

- He pled guilty and was sentenced to serve 30 months in Stillwater, but that sentence was stayed for five years if he followed several conditions.
- Some of them are no chemical use, no same or similar, to complete treatment, and be on probation for five years.
- This sentence was a downward dispositional departure.
- The reason given for the departure was that he is amenable to probation.
- On his other active cases two were dismissed, one for which the time had expired and he was given credit for time served on the other with the stay continued.

### **November 1993**

- He failed to maintain contact with his probation officer and was picked up on an arrest and detain order, then released to Portland

House for treatment.

**December 10, 1993**

- Guidry was on a bus returning to the treatment facility from a job interview when he saw his old girlfriend, the same woman from the previous assaults, on a pay phone.
- He got off the bus, walked up behind her and said he ought to "kick her ass." When she turned around he punched her in the face.
- She received a broken jaw and required surgery to put a metal plate in her jaw and put braces on her teeth.
- When interviewed by the police she said he assaulted her in April also but she did not file a report. The injuries from that assault left her blind in her left eye.

**He pled guilty to this assault**

- He pled guilty and was sentenced to serve 24 months in Stillwater.
- The stayed 30 months from the last assault were revoked and to run concurrent to this new sentence.

**June 1996, charged with 5th degree assault**

- After serving his time he was released from prison.
- This assault was on a different woman than the one from the previous assaults.
- This case was dismissed because the victim failed to appear for a hearing.

**Felony Charges in Hennepin County**

There were 18 CSC charges and 24 domestic violence charges in September.

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