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Westerville Man Headed To Prison For Domestic Violence/Intimidation



Reginald Newkirk will spend 30 months in prison for attacking the mother of his child.

The day after the attack, the victim contacted law enforcement. She said Newkirk had sent her threatening texts and pounded on the door of her Delaware home until she let him in on November 21, 2019. Once inside, Newkirk yelled at her, threw diapers and a baby wipe container at her back, and forcibly shoved her up against the kitchen counter, creating multiple, deep, and significant bruising.

When Newkirk learned the victim had contacted police, he returned to her residence on November 25, 2019. It was reported that Newkirk was upset, screaming that he did not want to hurt the victim, but he “already had a felony so he might as well get his worth out of it.”

Newkirk was indicted in December 2019 and pled guilty to F4 domestic violence and F3 intimidation in October 2020. In addition to prison, he is subject to three years post release control. Newkirk, 28, has a domestic violence history with the victim in this case, including the violation of a protection order.

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**HOUSEKEEPING EMPLOYEE SENTENCED FOR
THEFTS AT POWELL ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY**

Kristen Ramunas was trusted to serve the elderly residents of an assisted living facility in Powell. Instead of cleaning their rooms, however, she stole from them. Ramunas took jewelry, cash, and credit cards. In some cases, the stolen items were extremely sentimental and irreplaceable such as family heirlooms and even a wedding band.

Powell Police were notified after a family member of one of the victims reported unexplained charges on the credit card of their loved one, as well as missing jewelry. An investigation revealed more victims, and more thefts that occurred between the dates of December 31, 2019 and February 17, 2020, just weeks after 29-year-old Ramunas began working at the facility.

In total, Ramunas pled guilty to ten felonies - two counts of F3 burglary, three counts of F4 theft, two counts of F4 identity fraud, and three additional counts of F5 theft. Much of the stolen jewelry had been pawned and was not able to be recovered.

At sentencing, the court noted that Ramunas, from Dublin, has a criminal history with misdemeanor theft and sentenced her to 4.5 years in prison and three additional years of post release control monitoring. Ramunas was also ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$4,848.46.



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Delaware Man Will Serve A Year In Prison For Domestic Violence



Donald Adkinson pled guilty to domestic violence, a fourth-degree felony. He was indicted in June 2020 after police were dispatched to the Eaton Street home he shared with the mother of his child. The couple had recently split, but were still cohabitating when the victim called law enforcement to report that she'd been physically assaulted.

The victim told authorities that Adkinson had grabbed her by the hair, pulled her down to the couch, and struck her in the face, knocking her glasses off. She reported that she'd been watching a movie that Adkinson did not want to see, which prompted his anger.

While the victim was on the phone, she stated that Adkinson had left the residence. Delaware Police were able to locate him a short time later, and he was arrested.

Adkinson, 31, has a domestic violence history with three previous convictions in Richland County. At the time of this most recent attack, Adkinson and the victim were no longer in a romantic relationship. Studies tell us that terminating or leaving an abusive relationship can be a particularly dangerous time for survivors of abuse. In this case, that proved true, and the victim was able to get help by calling law enforcement.

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Columbus Man Sentenced To 14-19 Years In Prison For Robbing Powell Aldi

Rayshawn Leftwich entered the Powell Aldi the evening of August 26, 2019. Store surveillance shows him strolling around for a brief period of time before making his way to the register to purchase a snack bag of trail mix. As the cashier put his payment into the open register, Leftwich pulled a revolver out of his pocket, placed the barrel on the cashier's forehead, and demanded cash before fleeing on foot.

Leftwich, 45, has a record involving similar crimes, and was on post release control at the time of the Aldi robbery. He pled guilty in November to F1 aggravated robbery with a gun specification.

The court sentenced Leftwich to 10-15 years on the aggravated robbery charge and another three years mandatory for the gun specification. Because he was on post release control for another crime, that monitoring was terminated by the court, and an additional year was added to his sentence, making his total sentence 14 -19 years in prison.

The court also ordered Leftwich to pay restitution to Aldi in the amount of \$1,226.75, and he will be subject to an additional 5 years post release control monitoring upon his release.



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DELAWARE MAN HEADED TO PRISON FOR CHILD ENDANGERING

Sabastian Nead was sentenced to 3 to 4.5 years behind bars for abuse suffered by his 4-month-old daughter.

A police report listed the child had brain bleeds, retinal hemorrhaging, a sprained neck, a fracture at the base of the neck, and bruising on the jaw, neck, and arm. With the proper medical care, the child is expected to recover. Her significant injuries rose to the felony level, and Nead was indicted in November 2019. Nead, 23, pled no contest to F2 child endangering in October 2020.

After serving his prison term, Nead must serve an additional three years of post release control, reporting to Adult Court Services for extended court-ordered monitoring.



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POWELL MAN SENT TO PRISON FOR ABUSING WIFE



Chad Fraley was sentenced to 4.5 years in prison for repeatedly abusing his wife over a period of four years.

The victim in this case bravely reached out, seeking a protection order, hoping to escape a violent home life and stop living in fear.

She told authorities she'd been the target of ongoing abusive behaviors at the hands of her husband, 38-year-old Chad E. Fraley of Powell. During one such incident, the victim says she was kicked so hard, and so many times, that she could not walk and had to be transported to the hospital. At the time, she said she'd fallen down the steps because she was so afraid of her abuser.

Fraley, who had pled guilty to assaulting his wife years earlier, pled guilty in this case to two counts of F4 menacing by stalking, one count of F3 abduction, and one count of F4 domestic violence. His crimes spanned four years, from June 18, 2016 to January 6, 2020. The victim told authorities that during this timeframe, Fraley controlled her through fear and intimidation.

In addition to 4.5 years in prison, Fraley will be subject to three years of post release control monitoring.

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**WESTERVILLE WOMAN PLEADS GUILTY TO ILLEGAL VOTING,
IS SENTENCED TO COMMUNITY CONTROL**

Amanda Conaway, a Westerville resident, pled guilty to one count of illegal voting, a felony of the fourth-degree. Conaway agreed that on Nov. 6, 2018 she voted in the general election when she was not a qualified voter because she did not reside at the address in the precinct where she voted. She was sentenced to community control for two years.

In August of 2020, a resident filed a voter challenge with the Delaware County Board of Elections. This challenge alleged that Conaway did not reside at the address where she was registered to vote. Upon receiving this challenge, the Board of Elections conducted an investigation and referred the matter to the Delaware County Sheriff's Office. Evidence gathered demonstrated Conaway had voted illegally in multiple elections in a precinct in which she did not reside.

If you suspect voter fraud and want to report it, or if you have questions about voting, you can learn more by visiting the Delaware County Board of Elections website at: <https://vote.delawarecountyohio.gov>

