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Zachary Pruyn was sentenced to 5 years community control for inducing panic and domestic violence.

Pruyn is responsible for the closure of Columbus State Community College, Delaware Campus, on March 25, 2019. The campus was closed after Pruyn threatened to shoot his then-girlfriend, a student at the Delaware Campus, and then shoot himself.

In addition to community control, Pruyn must perform 200 hours community service, attend counseling, and pay restitution to Columbus State in the amount of \$18,246.46.



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INDIANA MAN SENTENCED TO 20 YEARS FOR RAPE, ABDUCTION



M. Singleton

Michael Singleton was sentenced to 20 years in prison for rape and abduction after being found guilty in Delaware County's first jury trial since the COVID-19 pandemic began.

Singleton was indicted after the victim reported she was sexual assaulted by him at her Delaware City residence.

"No means no." said Delaware County Prosecutor Melissa Schiffel. "If you don't have consent, you are committing rape. We will prosecute sexual assault cases vigorously to protect the sanctity of our bodies. Sexual abusers like this man belong in prison. I applaud the victim for coming forward and standing strong to confront her rapist in court, and also the efforts of the Delaware City Police Department and Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners at Grady Hospital. Together, we are an unstoppable team for victims of sexual violence."

A jury found Singleton guilty after the first trial to take place as the Delaware County Court of Common Pleas resumed in person trials. Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, and in adherence to state safety mandates, the court continued to hold hearings via video conferencing. Trials, however, were postponed, as they require jurors to appear in person.

"For this trial the court provided masks, face guards, safety markers for distancing, extra sanitation, and really anything possible to make those involved feel comfortable and safe in doing the important work of seeking justice in our community." Schiffel said. "Measures such as these are important because crime doesn't stop for anything. Victims have a right to be heard and to a speedy resolution of their case. During the stay at home order, our office saw the impact on victims who have been waiting for closure to this part of their healing."

Singleton was sentenced to an indefinite term of 20 to 25 years in prison, with 20 years being the minimum he must serve before he is eligible to seek parole. As a result of his conviction, Singleton is classified as a Tier III sex offender, which requires him to register as a sex offender for the rest of his life with law enforcement.

Facebook Post: June 29, 2020

Zachary Scott, of Delaware, was sentenced to 15 months in prison for domestic violence.

Scott, 27, was on community control for another crime when he became enraged at his dog for defecating inside. Scott attacked the couple's dog and his pregnant girlfriend, after the dog ran and jumped on her.

If you are experiencing domestic violence, there is help. Turning Point is Delaware County's Domestic Violence Shelter and can be reached 24 hours a day at 1-800-232-6505 or via text, send tphelp to 20121.

Turning Point does have boarding services for domestic violence situations where pets are involved. Turning Point offers a variety of services in addition to housing for domestic violence victims. You do not have to reside at the shelter to use Turning Point's services. Advocates are available 24 hours/7 days a week and can assist in obtaining legal representation, housing, and safety planning. As always, if you are experiencing an emergency, call 9-1-1.

