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Convicted of aggravated assault of his girlfriend, Canton man is sentenced to 15 years in prison
State vs. Sean David Glover

May 30, 2023 – Acting District Attorney Susan K. Treadaway announces that on March 23, 2023, a Cherokee County jury found Air Force Staff Sgt. Sean David Glover, 42, guilty of aggravated assault - strangulation. Glover had been on trial for charges of rape, aggravated assault, aggravated battery, and battery. Following the jury’s verdict, Chief Superior Court Judge Ellen McElyea sentenced Glover on March 31, 2023, to 20 years with the first 15 years to serve in confinement in the state prison system.

Charges stem from a violent assault that occurred on June 20, 2022, in a Holly Springs apartment. Glover entered the victim’s apartment between 1 a.m. and 3:30 a.m. using a spare key. He told police that his girlfriend had been “acting weird” and he was concerned that she may have been in communication with her ex. While she was sleeping, Glover unlocked her cell phone to read her texts. He then became angry and woke her.

According to the victim, at this point a physical altercation ensued, during which Glover grabbed her neck and struck her in the face multiple times, causing her nose to bleed and leaving visible bruising. He went on to grab her throat a second time and applied pressure to the point that she blacked out, later regaining consciousness. Then, while she lay in pain, crying and in fear for her life, he engaged in sexual intercourse with her.

The victim’s injuries included a broken wrist, contusions on her nose, and red marks on her neck. A Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner noted bruising behind both of her ears and petechia in various locations, both of which are signs of severe asphyxiation, suggesting that blood supply to the victim’s brain was interrupted.

“Medical research indicates that in severe cases of strangulation unconsciousness may occur in seconds, and death in just minutes. Therefore, it is not uncommon for victims to experience blackouts, as was the case here,” said Assistant District Attorney Alex Sloope, of the Domestic Violence Unit, who assisted with the prosecution of this case on behalf of the State. “Fortunately, the victim in this case was able to recall details of that night that substantiate the violent assault. She also had physical injuries consistent with the violent attack.”

Holly Springs Police arrested Glover at Dobbins Air Force Base, where he worked in Security Forces. Glover admitted to police officers that a physical altercation occurred but said he did not know how the victim received her injuries.

During the trial, the jury was presented with evidence that this was not the first time Glover had been physically violent with her.

“On multiple occasions, Staff Sgt. Glover abused, manipulated, and controlled his girlfriend. The night of this incident, he strangled her to the point where she could have died, exercising an extreme form of power and control in which he literally held her life in his hands,” said Deputy Chief Assistant District Attorney Rachel Ashe, of the Domestic Violence Unit, who prosecuted this case on behalf of the State. “He showed no remorse for the injuries he inflicted and seemed to be more concerned about his career than his girlfriend’s well-being.”

Judge McElyea took into consideration all evidence presented at trial before sentencing him to 20 years with the first 15 years to serve in prison. He must also pay restitution, have no contact with the victim or witnesses, participate in the Family Violence Intervention Program, and adhere to other special conditions.

“Through this sentence, the defendant receives justice for his actions and our community is protected,” said Acting District Attorney Susan K. Treadaway. “We are proud of this young woman who showed tremendous courage by standing up for herself and ensuring that justice was served. With this conviction and sentencing, it is our hope that she will continue to heal from the trauma she endured at the hands of this defendant.”

This case was investigated by the Holly Springs Police Department and prosecuted by Deputy Chief Assistant District Attorney Rachel Ashe and Assistant District Attorney Alex Sloope, of the Domestic Violence Unit, Office of the District Attorney, Blue Ridge Judicial Circuit.

Domestic Violence

Domestic violence typically follows a pattern, with tension building, followed by a major act of violence, a calm period, and then cycling back to tension building. As time passes, the violent episodes often get more serious and may lead to a lethal act. According to the Training Institute on Strangulation Prevention, strangulation is one of the most lethal forms of domestic violence. Odds for homicide increase substantially for victims who have been previously strangled.

If you or someone you know is impacted by domestic violence, please contact the Cherokee Family Violence Center, CFVC.org, 770-479-1703 (24/7 crisis hotline). In case of an emergency, call 911.

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