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People v. Jessie Jackson 19CF650

On July 13, 2023, Jessie Jackson, formerly of Danville, Illinois, was found guilty, by the Honorable Derek J. Girton, following a Stipulated Bench Trial, of Home Invasion – Deadly Weapon, a class X felony. A class X felony is punishable from 6-30 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections.

The Court heard evidence that an active Order of Protection required Jackson no longer reside at the home of the victim and his mother. On November 10, 2019, Jackson went to the home and attempted to gain entry. When the victim would not allow Jackson inside, he kicked in the front door and, without authority, forced his way inside. Jackson then remained inside, and while armed with a dangerous weapon, threatened to kill the victim, the victim's mother, and himself.

After the finding of guilty, the Court sentenced Jessie Jackson to 18 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections, plus 18 months of mandatory supervised release (i.e., parole), which Jackson will serve following his incarceration.

State's Attorney Jacqueline Lacy expressed her great appreciation of the victim's courage in this case, to report the incident and then remain engaged until this matter was resolved. The State's Attorney also thanked the members of the Danville Police Department for their efforts to ensure that this domestic abuser will spend a significant period of time behind bars.