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People v. Francis Briscoe 2022-CF-86

Ex-Boyfriend Sentenced to 20 Years for Shooting Mother of His Children

On December 4, 2024, following a blind plea to Aggravated Battery with a Firearm, Francis Briscoe, (DOB 1/14/1999), formerly of Alvin, Illinois, was sentenced to 20 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections. The sentence was ordered by Judge Robert McIntire and will be served at 85%. Briscoe will be required to serve a 2-year term of mandatory supervised release following his incarceration.

The People presented evidence that on February 24, 2022, a Danville Police officer was dispatched to Walmart in Danville for a female who had been shot by her ex-boyfriend in the parking lot. Officers were informed that the suspect had fled the scene. Eyewitnesses explained to officers that the defendant approached the victim in the store, and then was waiting for her in the parking lot. The defendant was apparently despondent over a romantic breakup of the two. They have two children in common.

State's Attorney Jacqueline Lacy thanked the Danville Police Department for their efforts in this case. She added, "The sentence in this case demonstrates the support of victims in Vermilion County and sends a strong message that stalking and violent behavior are absolutely unacceptable. I pray for the continued healing of the victim from not only the physical wounds, but also from trauma she endured."