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People v. Donald Langston, 2020 CF 110

A Vermilion County Jury on March 9, 2022, found Donald Langston, formerly of Hoopston, Illinois guilty of six (6) counts of Home Invasion, a class X felony and two (2) counts of Aggravated Battery, Deadly Weapon, a class three (3) felony.

The Jury heard evidence that on February 7th, 2020 Donald Langston went to his estranged wife's new house armed with a bat and a bb gun, forced his way in and attacked her and her family. Langston struck his estranged wife in the head with the bat. Several victims who were in the home at the time of the home invasion suffered severe injuries to the head and body. Langston then chased his estranged wife out of her home and attacked her again, but fled as the police arrived.

Langston will be sentenced by Circuit Judge Charles Hall on May 4, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. Typically, a class X felony is punishable by six (6) to thirty (30) years in the Illinois Department of Corrections with three years of mandatory supervised release. However, after a hearing, the Court could make certain findings based upon the facts in this case that would increase the penalty. Aggravated Battery, Deadly Weapon is punishable from two (2) to five (5) years in the Illinois Department of Corrections.

"Yesterday's, Jury verdict of guilty against Donald Langston clearly demonstrates that the good people of our community simply will not tolerate violent home invasions," stated State's Attorney Jacqueline Lacy.