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CHICAGO MAN GETS FIVE YEARS IN PRISON FOR VIOLATING PROTECTIVE ORDER

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A Chicago man is headed to prison for failing to follow a court order that prohibited him from having contact with his victim.

Kane County Associate Judge David P. Kliment on Sept. 22, 2017, sentenced 47-year-old **Joseph B. McGhee** to five years' imprisonment in the Illinois Department of Corrections.

McGhee on Aug. 25, 2017, pleaded guilty to violating an order of protection, a Class 4 felony. Judge Kliment accepted the plea and set a sentencing date.

Kane County Assistant State's Attorney Sarah Seberger presented evidence that after being served with an order of protection, McGhee called the victim on the telephone multiple times. McGhee had been convicted four days earlier of domestic battery in an incident with this victim. McGhee was served with the order of protection after he was found in a park near the victim's residence.

The defendant was eligible for enhanced sentencing guidelines because he has been convicted of DUI in Cook County in 2011.

According to Illinois law, McGhee is eligible for day-for day sentencing. He received credit for 134 days served in the Kane County jail.

"Protective orders and bond conditions are court orders that are intended to give victims peace of mind and keep them safe from abusers. But they are only pieces of paper unless police investigate violations, prosecutors follow up in court and offenders are held accountable for their actions. This sentence reflects the seriousness of the offense and the intent of the law," Kane County State's Attorney Joe McMahon said.

Joseph B. McGhee: Age 47 (d.o.b. 3-4-1970), last address of the 4800 block of Wabansia Street, Chicago