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FORMER ST. CHARLES RESIDENT SCOTT TURYNA SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR BEATING, SHOOTING AT WIFE

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Former St. Charles resident **Scott Turyna** has been sentenced to prison for battering his wife and for firing a gun at his wife and a neighbor.

Kane County Circuit Court Judge Donald M. Tegeler, Jr., on Friday, March 23, 2018, sentenced the 67-year-old Turyna to 17 years' imprisonment in the Illinois Department of Corrections. The judge delivered the sentence late in the evening after an 8-hour hearing.

A Kane County jury on Feb. 5, 2018, convicted Turyna of aggravated discharge of a firearm, Class 1 felony; aggravated domestic battery, Class 2 felony; and reckless discharge of a firearm, Class 4 felony.

Kane County prosecutors presented evidence in court that the evening of May 3, 2016, Turyna and his now ex-wife were arguing about money in their home on St. Charles' east side. Turyna began to punch her about the face and body, and told her this was the day she was going to die. He then slammed her head onto the floor multiple times. As Turyna went to a kitchen cabinet to retrieve a .38-caliber revolver, the victim, who had blood on her face from Turyna's beating, fled through the garage, rolling underneath the door as it opened. Once outside she encountered a neighboring couple – two witnesses who were out for a walk with their dog – and told them Turyna was trying to kill her. The victim began to walk away with one of the witnesses when Turyna began to fire his gun at them. The other witness had begun to call 911 when he heard the first gunshot. He ran toward Turyna, knocked the gun to the ground and detained Turyna until police arrived.

The sentence is 12 years for the aggravated discharge offense, 5 years for the aggravated domestic battery and 2 years for the reckless discharge offense. The 12-year and 5-year terms are to be served consecutive to one another, while the 2-year term is to be served concurrently with the others.

According to Illinois law, Turyna must serve at least 85 percent of the sentence. Turyna receives credit for 98 days served in the Kane County jail. In addition, Turyna, as a convicted felon, is now prohibited from possessing firearms.

“Gun violence and domestic violence continue to plague our communities, and both demand our attention whether they occur in gang-ridden neighborhoods or in affluent subdivisions,” Kane County State’s Attorney Joe McMahon said. “This sentence sends a strong message that our community will not tolerate either, particularly when the defendant, as Mr. Turyna did, acts with complete disregard for the safety of his community, refuses to accept responsibility for his actions and continues to blame the victim.

“My thanks to the witnesses who came to the victim’s aid, to the St. Charles Police Department, and to the trial team of Assistant State’s Attorneys Greg Sams, Megan Baxter and Bridget Sabbia, who worked tirelessly to prepare the case for the trial and sentencing.”

Scott J. Turyna: Age 67 (d.o.b. 2-7-1951), of the 800 block of First Street, Elburn, and formerly of St. Charles