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ELGIN MAN GETS 15 YEARS FOR DOMESTIC ATTACK WITH KNIFE

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An Elgin man has pleaded guilty for slashing his girlfriend's throat in a 2017 domestic incident at the apartment they shared.

23-year-old **John C. Hawkins** today agreed to a sentence of 15 years' imprisonment in the Illinois Department of Corrections in exchange for a guilty plea to the offense of armed violence, Class X felony.

16th Circuit Judge James C. Hallock accepted the plea.

Kane County Assistant State's Attorney Greg Sams stated in court that at about 2 a.m. April 9, 2017, the victim went into the bathroom of the apartment she shared with Hawkins in the 900 block of Bellevue Avenue, Elgin. Hawkins, carrying a steak knife with a blade at least 3 inches in length, followed the victim into the bathroom. The two began to argue, and then Hawkins grabbed the victim by the neck and slashed her throat with the knife, creating a deep wound that was within one-quarter inch of the victim's carotid artery. The victim fell to the floor, Hawkins kicked her and then fled the apartment through the window.

Hawkins was on probation for a drug offense at the time of the attack.

According to Illinois law, Hawkins must serve at least 85 percent of the sentence. He receives credit for 368 days served in the Kane County jail, where he had been held since his arrest in lieu of \$2 million bail.

"This was a vicious, cowardly and nearly deadly domestic attack. Mr. Hawkins is a violent repeat offender who belongs in prison," Kane County State's Attorney Joe McMahon said.

John C. Hawkins: Age 23 (d.o.b. 3-4-1995), of the 900 block of Bellevue Avenue, Elgin