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AURORA MAN GETS 12 YEARS FOR VIOLENT DOMESTIC ATTACK MONTHS AFTER BREAKUP, LARRY LAWSON SLASHED FORMER GIRLFRIEND'S FACE

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An Aurora man has been sentenced to prison for attacking and trying to kill his former girlfriend months after she ended their relationship.

Kane County Associate Judge David R. Kliment today sentenced 21-year-old **Larry X. Lawson** to 12 years' imprisonment in the Illinois Department of Corrections.

Lawson on Oct. 19, 2018, pleaded guilty to the offenses of:

- Attempted first-degree murder, Class X felony
- Aggravated domestic battery, Class 2 felony

Kane County Assistant State's Attorney William Engerman stated that the victim had been in a dating relationship with Lawson. After the victim ended the relationship, Lawson continued to contact the victim, sending her threatening messages, despite steps the victim took to avoid him.

The evening of Nov. 19, 2017, several months after the victim ended the relationship, the victim got into her car, which was in the driveway of her Front Street home. As she was checking messages on her cell phone, Lawson opened the car door, grabbed her phone and tried to pull her out of the car and she fought him off. Lawson then slashed the victim's neck and left cheek with a sharp object, causing a deep laceration to her cheek that required 12 stitches to close. Lawson fled to Kentucky, where he eventually was arrested.

According to Illinois law, Lawson must serve at least 85 percent of the sentence. He receives credit for 444 days served in the Kane County jail.

Kane County State's Attorney Joe McMahon said:

"This defendant violently attacked his former girlfriend because he couldn't take no for an answer. She tried for months to get him to leave her alone, but he refused to listen. Instead, he ambushed her, causing serious injuries and leaving her with permanent scars. My thanks to ASA Engerman and the Aurora Police Department for their work in this case."

Larry X. Lawson: Age 21 (d.o.b. 1-21-1998), of the 300 block of High Street, Aurora, Illinois. Case No. 17CF2194.