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AURORA MAN GETS 20 YEARS IN PRISON FOR VIOLENT HAMMER ATTACK

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*RE: **Johnathan T. McDonald**: Age 23 (d.o.b. 7-4-1999), of the 400 block of North River Street, Aurora, Illinois. Case No. 2021CF2037.*

Kane County State's Attorney Jamie L. Mosser announces that Johnathan T. McDonald has agreed to a sentence of 20 years of imprisonment in the Illinois Department of Corrections in exchange for a guilty plea to the offense of attempt first-degree murder, Class X felony.

Judge Alice C. Tracy accepted the plea.

Assistant State's Attorney Mark D. Stajdohar stated the following facts in court:

At about 7:15 p.m. on November 20, 2021, McDonald knocked on the door of the Aurora home of an acquaintance. When the acquaintance, the victim in this case, opened the door, told McDonald to enter and turned around, McDonald hit the victim in the head with a hammer. The victim fell to the floor and blacked out. The victim regained consciousness, only to be struck in the head with the hammer a second time.

In accordance with Illinois law, McDonald must serve at least 85 percent of the sentence. He receives credit for 411 days served in the Kane County jail, where he had been held since his arrest in lieu of \$1 million bail.

ASA Stajdohar said: "There was no clear motivation for Mr. McDonald's heinous, violent and unprovoked attack. Their relationship before this brutal incident had been friendly. Thanks to Officer Jesus Aguila and the rest of the Aurora Police Department for their work on this investigation, and to victim advocate Alex Dring."