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Akron Man Sentenced to Prison for Severely Beating Girlfriend

AKRON, Ohio (Tuesday, September 24, 2024) – Summit County Prosecutor Elliot Kolkovich announced today that Summit County Common Pleas Court Judge Jennifer Towell sentenced James Dampier, 36, of White Pond Drive in Akron, to eight to 12 years in prison for severely beating his girlfriend in December 2023.

On July 19, 2024, a Summit County jury found Dampier guilty of the following charges:

- Felonious Assault – a Felony of the 2nd Degree
- Domestic Violence – a Misdemeanor of the 1st Degree

On Christmas Eve 2023, Dampier severely beat his girlfriend. The 27-year-old victim eventually called 9-1-1 after being unconscious for nearly a day. The victim spent several weeks in the hospital's intensive care unit after suffering significant injuries, including swelling and bruises to the head, burns, and a bald patch on her head from her hair being pulled out. The victim also had to undergo intensive rehabilitation.

"This was a violent assault with the victim still recovering from her injuries. James Dampier beat the victim and left her for dead. Thankfully she survived, and Dampier will spend a significant time in prison," said Prosecutor Kolkovich.