



Seventeen Year Old Sentenced as Serious Youthful Offender for Shooting Stepfather

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On August 9, 2017, Warren County Juvenile Court Judge Joseph Kirby sentenced a 17 year old juvenile to both juvenile and adult sanctions as part of the serious youthful offender statute. The juvenile admitted to the complaint as charged to count one attempted murder, a felony of the first degree, with a firearm specification; count two felonious assault, a felony of the second degree, with a firearm specification; and count three domestic violence, a misdemeanor of the first degree.

The juvenile sentence is six years in the Department of Youth Services on count one attempted murder, plus an additional three years on a firearm specification, to be served consecutive for a total sentence of nine years or until his 21st birthday. Count two felonious assault, with firearm specification, and count three domestic violence merged into count one.

The adult sentence is eleven years in prison on count one attempted murder, with a three year firearm specification, to be served consecutive for a total of fourteen years. Count two felonious assault, with firearm specification, and count three domestic violence merged into count one.

The juvenile will only have to serve the adult portion of his sentence if he fails to successfully complete the juvenile portion of the sentence.

On May 25, 2017, Warren County Sheriff deputies were dispatched to a shooting at a home in Franklin Township. The caller stated that he had been shot in his sleep. When deputies arrived, the victim and his 17 year old stepson were in the home. The stepson claimed at the time that he did not know how his stepfather was shot. After a full investigation, detectives learned that the juvenile had obtained an AR-15 from the basement of the home and shot his stepfather in his right shoulder. They also found a hole in the mattress and blood on the blanket.

Warren County Prosecutor David P. Fornshell commended the investigation efforts of the Warren County Sheriff's Office, including Detective Mark Purdy. He also complimented the hard work of Juvenile First Assistant Prosecutor Julie Kraft, Assistant Prosecutor Cynthia Ellison, Director of Victim Witness Services Jessi Flint, and Legal Assistant Jaclyn Zaczek.



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