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## Sex Offender Sentenced to 30 years in Prison, Lifetime Parole

Aaron Mathew Hubert, 38, was sentenced to 30 years in prison for a kidnapping and sexual assault which occurred in February 2017. Hubert abducted a woman he had been in a relationship with and held her at knife point. He also choked her to the point she lost consciousness. The victim was taken to the hospital where a sexual assault examination was conducted.

The case went to trial in May of 2019. At trial, Hubert was convicted of Criminal Sexual Conduct in the First Degree and Kidnapping, he was also convicted of Domestic Assault by Strangulation. Hubert has prior violent felony convictions and was sentenced to the statutory maximum 30 year sentence. In addition, he will be on conditional release, or parole for the remainder of his life and could be sent back to prison at any time during the conditional release period. Because he has a prior criminal sexual conduct conviction, Hubert will also be required to register as a predatory offender.

Rice County Attorney John Fossum appeared for the state at sentencing. "The statutory maximum of 30 years is an appropriate sentence for Mr. Hubert, and holds him accountable for his conduct. Public safety requires a lengthy incarceration for dangerous offenders like Mr. Hubert," Fossum said.

Assistant County Attorney Thao Trinh was part of the trial team which tried the case. "The Rice County Sheriff's Office did excellent work in investigating this case and helping our office prepare for trial," Fossum added.

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