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Jury Finds Lecure Guilty of Domestic Assault

JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI (March 4, 2015) – A Cole County Jury found a Russellville man, Brent A. Lecure guilty of two counts of domestic assault after deliberating about two hours Wednesday. The case surrounded an incident that occurred in the Russellville area in August 2014 during a custody exchange between the defendant and his ex-wife. Angry about a child support garnishment, Lecure shoved the victim to the ground causing her injury and pinning her up against a vehicle so hard that it left a dent in the vehicle. With the help of those with her, the parties were able to separate for a short while before Lecure’s mother arrived on the scene. When she did, his nephew, who had come to the aid of the original victim, went to talk to her and defendant came at him, threw him to the ground and choked him from behind. The nephew told the jury that he was just going to talk to his grandmother and explain to her what the defendant had just done to them. The defendant took the stand in his own defense and claimed that his actions were in self defense. On cross examination, the defendant admitted that he did not have any injuries other than a scratch on his chest and admitted that he did not know where it came from and it could have been self inflicted. He admitted that he did not know what his nephew was doing when the nephew went to speak with defendant’s mother. When first contacted by a Cole County Sheriff’s deputy after the incident, defendant denied that anything physical had happened and told the deputy there was no reason for the deputy to be there.

Assistant Prosecutor Steven M. Kretzer tried the 2-day jury trial for the State. “I am pleased we could accomplish this verdict for the victims in this case and owe a great deal of gratitude to the jury, the work of RACS victim advocacy services, the Cole County Clerk’s Office and the Cole County Sheriff’s Department,” Kretzer said.

Prior to the trial, the court ruled that the defendant was a third time domestic assault offender and a prior and persistent felony offender. That finding means that Lecure’s sentencing range on one count will be up to 7 years in prison and on the other up to 15 years in prison. The court indicated that the matter would be set for a sentencing hearing at a later date.