



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Prepared by:

Ellis County & District Attorney's Office  
109 S. Jackson Street  
Waxahachie, TX 75165

Contact: Ann Montgomery, 972-825-5035 (ann.montgomery@co.ellis.tx.us)

Paul Kevin McGown, a 46 year old man from Dallas, Texas, was found guilty of Assault on a Family Member by Occlusion by an Ellis County Jury on January 12, 2012, in the 40<sup>th</sup> district court of Ellis County. After hearing evidence on punishment, including McGown's extensive criminal history for robbery, burglary, theft, unauthorized use of motor vehicle, drugs, evading arrest and resisting arrest, the jury deliberated and returned a verdict on January 13, 2012, assessing McGown's punishment at 35 years in prison. Judge Bob Carroll sentenced McGown making the sentence consecutive to a previous 35 year sentence from Dallas County, for which McGown was on parole at the time he committed the offense.

The jury heard from the victim of the offense that she was called and informed McGown, who was her estranged husband, had gotten out of jail and was at her house. She went home to tell him to leave. At the door, he pulled her into the residence, grabbed her throat and neck and squeezed, blocking her ability to breathe, then throwing her to the floor, and kicking her. During the assault he told her "you will never see the light of day". Through force of will, she managed to escape and obtained help getting to the police station where she obtained help. The jury also heard testimony that McGown, 6'1" and 180 lbs., knew that the victim suffered from a rare form of muscular dystrophy that affected her muscles, weakened her, and made her ability to defend herself improbable.

Assistant District Attorney Amy Nguyen, who prosecuted the case, issued a statement thanking the jury for their hard work and deliberations in rendering verdicts that hopefully will keep the victim from ever having to be confronted by McGown (pictured below) again.



*McGown*