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FIRST JURY TRIAL WIN OF 2024

Evansville, IN – Prosecutor Diana Moers announces that on January 12, 2024, George D. Jones Jr. was found guilty of felony criminal trespass. Magistrate Judge Celia Pauli of the Vanderburgh County Circuit Court presided over the trial.

On September 12, 2023, Jones was discharged from Deaconess Midtown Hospital. While acting unruly and claiming hospital staff has drugged him, Jones was asked to leave. After refusing to leave, Jones was subsequently arrested.

The Defendant, having chosen to represent himself, had several vulgar outbursts during the trial towards the officers and the court. Prosecutor Moers congratulates her Deputy Prosecutor, Keaton Mauer, on his trial and swift guilty verdict. “The Defendant in this case has a disregard for basic societal decorum which landed him in felony court due to his criminal history with similar activity. Today in the courtroom, the Defendant exhibited a blatant disregard, once again, for the authority of our court system and proceedings. I am proud of my Deputy Prosecutor, Keaton Maurer, for remaining composed and professional despite the actions of the Defendant. My office will not be deterred by insolent and threatening courtroom antics which have no place in Vanderburgh County and are disrespectful to our judiciary and the administration of justice.”

With the combination of witness testimony and surveillance video, the jury deliberated for only a few moments before finding Jones guilty.

Prosecutor Moers thanks Evansville Police Department Detective Zach Oxford, the Deaconess Security team, and all staff that assisted in this case.

Sentencing is scheduled for February 8, 2024, in front of Magistrate Judge Celia Pauli of the Vanderburgh County Circuit Court. The Defendant is statutorily eligible for a minimum of 6 months up to 2 ½ years of incarceration.

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