

Judge sentences Geneva man to prison for attack

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**Clarence
Elmore**

A Geneva County judge sentenced a 28-year-old man to prison Wednesday for a domestic-related knife attack.

Assistant District Attorney Stephen Smith said Circuit Court Judge P.B. McLauchlin sentenced Clarence "Lance" Elmore to serve 30 years in prison for a first-degree assault charge and a 15-year prison term for a felony second-degree assault charge. Smith said the punishment was enhanced because Elmore had one prior felony conviction. Smith said the sentences were to be served concurrently with each other.

Geneva County authorities arrested Elmore in November 2008.

Smith said the assaults stemmed from a domestic dispute Elmore had with a former girlfriend. The jury found Elmore guilty of using a hunting knife to cut a 22-year-old woman and a 30-year-old man at a residence on Glenn Street in Geneva near the Geneva County Courthouse.

"This was a preplanned attack," Smith said. "He was waiting in hiding and had a knife. We're pleased with the sentence that he got based on the actions he took on that night."

Smith said Elmore was charged with first-degree assault for the injury caused to the male and second-degree assault for the injury to the woman. He said the man has a 4- to 5-inch scar across his face from the knife attack.