

Williams gets 30-year prison sentence

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Circuit Court Judge Kenneth Quattlebaum sentenced Tony Martin Williams to the 30-year prison term on Thursday morning. The Slocomb Police Department arrested Williams on January 4, 2014 for the attempted murder of Kristine Dickens, who described in detail to the court what happened to her.

Williams pleaded guilty in October 2014. On Jan. 9 police



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received a call from Slocomb EMS requesting lifting assistance to take a patient to the emergency room.

Upon arriving at a mobile home at 126 Bell Street, Apt. 1, police and EMS were told the female patient had fallen down the steps and hurt herself. "The injury and story did not represent themselves as factual," White said in the news release.

The emergency room staff at the hospital told EMS and police that the patient's injuries could not have come from a fall down the steps of a mobile home. Upon investigation it was determined that some-

time during the night of Jan. 8-9 that a "violent assault" was made on the woman. The main occupant of the home, Williams, was arrested and charged with attempted murder.

The couple's child was present during the assault and the Geneva County Department of Human Resources took steps to ensure the child's safety. The Child Advocacy Center stepped in with counseling since the child witnessed the assault.

District Attorney Kirke Adams said that Williams attacked his wife with knives and a pair of scissors and caused massive injuries

to her head. "It was an assault that took awhile," Adams said, "before he finally called rescue."

Williams originally told Slocomb police that he was under a great deal of financial stress, had a bad spell, and "blacked out" and awoke to find his wife badly injured.

"He worked himself up to get pretty angry," Adams said.

Dickens spent 10 days in Flowers Hospital and had several weeks of in-home care.

"The doctor described the injury as something you see in a horror movies," Adams said. The victim lost part of two fingers trying to fend off the assault.