

Reynolds gets 25 years for stabbing

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A Chancellor man who entered a blind plea of guilty was sentenced to 25 years in the state penitentiary for two stabbings in April 2014.

Circuit Court Judge William Filmore sentenced Paul Lawrence Reynolds, 31, to a 25-year prison term for a felony second-degree assault conviction. Geneva County District Attorney Kirke Adams said Reynolds entered what's referred to as blind guilty plea earlier this month, which means there was no agreed upon sentence as part of the guilty plea. Adams said that Reynolds would serve at least 15 in prison.

Adams submitted Reynolds' three prior felony convictions and his status as a convicted sex offender.

Adams asked that Reynolds be sentenced under the habitual offender act. The court granted the request, which enhanced Reynolds' sentencing range to 15 to 99 years or life in prison. Adams said Reynolds had multiple prior felony convictions, including second-degree assault, second-degree rape, drug distribution and escape.

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Adams said at the time of the April 2014 assault, Reynolds was on proba-

tion for a violation of the community notification act.

Reynolds was

convicted of felony second-degree rape in Geneva County in 2002.

Reynolds was arrested on April 26, 2014 near



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Chancellor. Reynolds was adjudicated guilty for stabbing his former girlfriend's new boyfriend twice in the back. Adams said there was an altercation, and when the boyfriend tried to walk away Reynolds attacked him with a knife.