

Court Update

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Sentencings

A jury found *Joanne Beard* guilty of 2nd degree murder. A five month old boy for whom she provided daycare, died as a result of a shaking injury which she inflicted. On January 15, 1997 Judge Lefler sentenced her to serve 360 months at Shakopee. This was an upward departure from the sentencing guidelines due to the vulnerability of the victim and the violation of trust. Judy Johnston prosecuted the case and Thomas Bauer represented Beard.

Trials

Louis Cardona Buggs' murder trial started in January before Judge Albrecht. The charges stem from allegations that he went to his former girlfriend Kami Talley's place of employment and shot her on Valentine's day of last year. Buggs has prior convictions for the following offenses: cruelty to animals (pit bulls), hit and run (misdemeanor), three 5th degree assaults (two misdemeanors and one gross misdemeanor), carrying a loaded pistol without a permit (in the trunk of his car). Judith Hawley and Mary Hannon are prosecuting the case. John Lucas and Pia Sass are defending him.

Michael Williams' trial before Judge Orey is for two counts of 1st degree criminal sexual conduct (CSC) and one count of kidnapping. The criminal complaint alleges he sexually assaulted a fourteen year old girl who lived across the hall from the apartment he was staying in. According to the complaint, she was baby-sitting younger children in her apartment when he came to the door. As the girl stepped into the hallway he grabbed her and pulled her into the apartment. She saw a gun in the apartment and he told her he would kill her if she did not have sex with him. She struggled but could not get away. A while later she heard her mother and sister yelling "let her out". He told her to keep quiet and made her go out the back door. After she got away she told her mother what had happened. Diane Krenz is prosecuting the case, and Jim Stewart is defending him.

Richard Earnest Backley's trial started in January before Judge Justman. The 2nd degree CSC charge arose due to allegations he forced sexual contact with a fourteen year old female relative. Thomas Kelly and David Redburn are defending him and Caroline Lennon is prosecuting him.

Felony Charges in Hennepin County

There were five CSC charges and twenty-five domestic violence charges in December.

Domestic Violence Chronology

Note to our readers: Beginning this month, our newsletters will list the names of both prosecutors and judges assigned to the appearances outlined in our domestic abuse chronology. This is a practice we used with our initial chronologies, but one we changed after receiving numerous calls that the information about prosecutors was incorrectly reflected on the county's SIP system (Subject in Process, our source for this information). Recent newsletters have noted only the judge assigned to the appearance.

Though we have carefully phrased the wording of appearances that have resulted in case dismissals, listing only the judge in such instances may be misleading since judges are not solely responsible for the case dismissals. Most dismissals we observe are prompted by a motion brought by the prosecutor. We regret that the name of the prosecutor we list for a case may not always be accurate.

We recognize that there can be valid reasons for dismissing a case. We feel, however, that it is important for us to include the dismissals in our chronology in order to provide an accurate picture of the defendant's history.

Anthony Thomas Woods has 25 criminal charges ranging from disorderly conduct to 2nd degree murder. The victims in most of the charges were either his wife, his step-children or people who tried to intervene during the assaults. Twelve times prosecutors brought motions for dismissal and the judges he appeared in front of granted them. He pled guilty on eleven charges. Currently he has two charges pending in front of Judge Neville.

#1 11/19/89

Disorderly conduct Misdemeanor

Outcome: 11/29/89 After Woods pled guilty, Judge Knoll sentenced him to serve one day at the Adult Correctional Facility (ACF). He received credit for one day already served in jail.

#2 2/5/90

**Criminal damage to property
Misdemeanor**

Outcome: 2/12/90 Woods pled guilty to an amended charge of disorderly conduct and Judge Schiefelbein sentenced him to serve ten days at the ACF. If he committed no same or similar offenses for one year he would not have to serve this sentence. The prosecutor listed is Kris Koehn.

5/31/90 At a hearing before Judge Alton, Woods pled guilty to charge #4 (see below) and the judge imposed this ten day stayed sentence. He served it concurrently with the new sentence.

#3 3/2/90

5th degree assault Misdemeanor

Outcome: 4/12/90 Judge Orey granted the prosecutor's motion for dismissal. The prosecutor listed is Pullman (first name is not listed).

#4 4/18/90

5th degree assault Misdemeanor

Outcome: 5/31/90 He pled guilty to an amended charge of disorderly conduct. Judge Alton sentenced him to serve 90 days at the ACF with eighty days stayed for one year if he abided by the following conditions: no arrests or charges, domestic abuse counseling, no contact with the victim, and follow recommendations of probation. This time was to run concurrently with the sentence on charge #2. No prosecutor is listed on this charge.

#5 4/27/90
5th degree assault Misdemeanor
Outcome: 5/31/90 Judge Alton granted the prosecutor's motion for dismissal. The prosecutor listed is Ed Backstrom.

#6 5/3/90
5th degree assault Misdemeanor
Outcome: 5/31/90 Judge Alton granted the prosecutor's motion for dismissal. The prosecutor listed is Ed Backstrom.

#7 5/22/90
5th degree assault Misdemeanor
Outcome: 5/31/90 Judge Alton granted the prosecutor's motion for dismissal. The prosecutor listed is Ed Backstrom.

#8 2/9/91
Disorderly conduct Misdemeanor
Outcome: 5/8/91 Judge Burke granted the prosecutor's motion for dismissal. The prosecutor listed is Roger Battreall.

#9 3/25/92
5th degree assault Misdemeanor
Outcome: 6/3/92 Judge Steven Lange granted the prosecutor's motion for dismissal at the sentencing hearing on charge #11. Terry Forchlke and John Manning are both listed as prosecutors on this charge. See charge #10 below.

#10 4/24/92
5th degree assault Misdemeanor
Outcome: 6/3/92 Judge Hedlund granted the prosecutor's motion for dismissal. See charge #11 below.

#11 5/28/92
5th degree assault Misdemeanor
Outcome: 6/3/92 Woods pled guilty and Judge Steven Lange sentenced him to serve 90 days at the ACF with 83 days stayed if he abided by the following conditions: domestic abuse counseling, follow recommendations of probation, comply with chemical dependency evaluation, commit no same or similar offenses, complete treatment and aftercare if recommended, credit seven days in jail. The judge granted the prosecutor's motion for dismissal on charges #9 and #10 at this sentencing. Two prosecutors are listed, John Manning and Laufele Murphy.

12/3/92 Judge Anderson revoked 45 days of this sentence when Woods pled guilty to charge #12. Both sentences were served concurrently.

#12 9/30/92
5th degree assault Gross Misdemeanor
5th degree assault
Disorderly conduct

picking up the AF (adult female) and throwing her to the ground. When police officers arrived one of the ambulance drivers said he saw him do this two times while saying "there ain't nothing wrong with you".

Outcome: 12/3/92 Woods pled guilty to count one and Judge Catherine Anderson sentenced him to serve 365 days at the ACF. Three hundred-twenty days would be stayed for two years if he abided by the following conditions: attend Alcoholics Anonymous once a week with verification, no criminal charges, follow recommendations of probation, chemical dependency evaluation and follow treatment and aftercare if determined applicable, and complete domestic abuse counseling. The prosecutors listed are Laufele Murphy, William Korn, and Kathy Rygh. It appears that portions of this sentence were revoked and served concurrently with new charges #15, #16, and #18. The stay on the remaining 45 days expired.

#13 11/5/92
5th degree assault Gross Misdemeanor
Disorderly conduct

Criminal complaint: He was arguing with an AF and became verbally abusive, grabbed her by the hair and throat and dragged her out of the apartment barefooted and without proper winter attire. He then yelled at her to get lost.

Outcome: 12/3/92 Judge Catherine Anderson granted the prosecutor's motion for dismissal on this charge at the sentencing for charge #12. The prosecutor listed is Laufele Murphy.

#14 1/28/93
5th degree assault Gross Misdemeanor
Disorderly conduct

Criminal complaint: The AF was talking on the phone when Woods attempted to talk to her and became upset. He then disconnected the phone and began pushing her around by grabbing her shoulders. Then he punched her in the chest with a closed fist.

Outcome: 2/2/93 He pled guilty to count one and Judge Sommerville granted the dismissal on count two. He sentenced Woods to serve 90 days at the ACF with 84 days stayed for two years if he adhered to the following conditions: probation and follow their recommendations, no same or similar offenses, complete treatment, credit jail time six days. William Korn and Elizabeth Stofferahn are listed as the prosecutors. At the sentencing on charges #15 and #16, the judge revoked this stayed sentence. Woods served this time concurrently with the new charges.

#15 6/6/93
5th degree assault Gross Misdemeanor
5th degree assault
5th degree assault
Disorderly conduct

Criminal complaint: Officers arrived and found Woods lying on the floor very drunk. The AF and her 12 year old son told them he had threatened to push her son out of the apartment window. The AF stepped in front of him to stop him and he pushed her down on the floor.

Outcome: 6/10/93 He pled guilty to count one. Judge Rosenbaum sentenced him to 365 days at the ACF with 300 days stayed for two years if he abided by the following conditions; complete chemical dependency evaluation, treatment and aftercare if recommended, no same or similar charges, no contact with the victim or her children except by family court order, domestic abuse counseling, follow recommendations of probation. This sentence ran concurrently with the time revoked on charges #12 and #14. The prosecutor listed is William Korn. Portions of this sentence were revoked when he pled guilty to charges #16 and #18.

#16 7/23/93

5th degree assault Gross Misdemeanor
5th degree assault
Disorderly conduct

Criminal complaint: Officers responded to a report of a domestic assault. When they arrived, they observed Woods standing over an AF yelling at her. She told the officers that he struck her in the stomach and that she was three months pregnant.

Outcome: 11/29/93 He pled guilty to count one and Judge Stanoch sentenced him to serve 365 days at the ACF with 335 days stayed for two years if he abided by the following conditions: no assault charges, no contact with the victim or children from the assault that occurred on 8/4/93 unless authorized by family court, probation and follow recommendations, no same or similar charges. Prosecutors listed are Kathy Rygh and Dana Banwer. At the sentencing on charge #18, the judge revoked 180 days of this stayed sentence to run concurrently with the new offense.

#17 8/4/93

5th degree assault Gross Misdemeanor
5th degree assault
Disorderly conduct

Criminal complaint: At approximately 11:00 p.m. officers responded to a disturbance call. When they arrived they observed three boys, ages 12, 14 and 15 standing outside the apartment in the dark. The boys told the officers Woods put them out of the house because he did not want them there. The officers talked with the children's mother. She was in the apartment with Woods, and two other adults all of whom appeared to be intoxicated. She told the officers her husband and the 14-year-old had a disagreement so he put the boys out of the house until they were done "partying". The boys told the officers they had permission to stay with the 15 year old neighbor overnight. The officers left after they saw the boys go to the neighbor's home. Approximately 30 minutes later officers returned to the same address again. The boys said they went to the apartment to get clothing and money for food for the next day and when they did so an argument ensued. The 12 and 14-year-old told the officers before they came the first time that Woods had physically thrown the 14-year-old around inside the apartment and then threw him out of the apartment onto the first floor landing. The 15 year old boy confirmed he witnessed the assault. The 12 and 14-year-old said they were fearful of giving the police this information when they were there the first time because they had just returned from a foster care residence and did not want to go back into foster care. The 14-year-old then told the officers that Woods routinely

physically and verbally abuses him. They arrested Woods, placed the boys in protective custody, and took them to St. Joseph's Home.

Outcome: 11/29/93 Judge Stanoch granted the prosecutor's motion for dismissal on this charge at the sentencing on charge #16. The prosecutor listed is Kathy Rygh.

#18 1/19/94

5th degree assault Gross Misdemeanor

Outcome: 1/27/94 He pled guilty and Judge Wexler sentenced him to serve 365 days at the ACF with 185 days of this sentence stayed for two years if he abided by the following conditions: Alcoholics Anonymous once a week with verification, complete aftercare with proof, complete domestic abuse counseling and treatment at the ACF, no use of non-prescribed drugs or alcohol, random urine and breath tests for chemical use, no assault charges, no violation of an order for protection, stay away from the victims, contact with his wife allowed as long as he followed conditions, credit jail time nine days. This sentence ran concurrently with revoked time on charges #12, #15 and #16. The prosecutor listed is Larae Bradley.

#19 7/1/94

5th degree assault Misdemeanor

Outcome: 7/1/94 Judge Minenko granted the prosecutor's motion for dismissal. The prosecutor listed is Pia Sass.

#20 7/17/94

2nd degree murder Felony
2nd degree murder

Criminal complaint: Woods lived in a duplex with William Lacey for a few days. On this date a AF (the same adult female from the previous assaults) came over and all three began drinking. Several hours later an argument started between the AF and Woods. Lacey told Woods to leave her alone and Woods pulled out a knife. Lacey was unarmed. The AF ran out of the duplex. In a short while Woods came out putting on his clothing as he left. He then fled down the street. The police arrived and found Lacey dead near the rear of the duplex. He had a stab-wound to his chest. They also recovered a knife with a blood-like substance on it from the front porch. A gasoline can lay next to Mr. Lacey's body and someone had poured a liquid around that smelled like gasoline and lit a burner on the stove. Neighbors gave the police a description of the man they had seen running from the scene. A short distance away they saw a man fitting their description with blood on his clothes and hands. He was arrested. An autopsy performed on Mr. Lacey revealed that he died from a stab-wound to his chest. He also had a few small lacerations on his hands that were consistent with defensive wounds according to the Hennepin County Medical Examiner's Office. In addition, he had chemical burns on his left shoulder and one on his right arm that were consistent with burns produced by petroleum products.

Outcome: 1/31/95 Judge Danielson granted the prosecutor's motion for dismissal. Prosecutors Pete Connors, Gemma Graham, and David Brown are all listed. The reason given for the dismissal was that there was "not presently sufficient evidence to

sustain a conviction." Woods remained in custody approximately six months, awaiting trial on this charge before the dismissal. On April 12, 1995, he received credit for the time served on all his remaining sentences, resulting in no more stayed time on any previous convictions as of this date.

conviction. We have requested a copy of the sentencing transcript and when it is available we will print any changes in this newsletter.

#21 4/6/95
5th degree assault Gross Misdemeanor
Disorderly conduct

Criminal complaint: Woods struck an AM (adult male) several times with his fist.

Outcome: 5/25/95 The judge (no name listed) granted the prosecutor's motion for dismissal. The prosecutor listed is William Korn.

#22 6/2/95
5th degree assault Gross Misdemeanor
5th degree assault
Disorderly conduct

Criminal complaint: As officers responded to a call, one of them observed Woods hit an adult female and push her to the ground. She told the officers that she and Woods were arguing when he grabbed her by the neck, leaving scratch marks on the left side. She also told police she was afraid of him because he threatened to kill her. She said he had killed a man before by stabbing him in the chest and had gotten away with it.

Outcome: 8/14/95 He pled guilty to count one and Judge Alexander sentenced him to serve 90 days at the ACF. The sentence would be stayed if he abided by the following conditions for one year: attend Alcoholics Anonymous, finish treatment and aftercare, remain law abiding with no same or similar offenses, cooperate with probation. He was given credit for 34 days already served in custody. Julie Helling is listed as the prosecutor. See charge #23 for more information on this charge.

#23 6/22/95
5th degree assault Gross Misdemeanor
5th degree assault
Disorderly conduct

Criminal complaint: A citizen approached an officer working off-duty at a Super Valu and reported he had seen a man dragging a woman by the hair outside. The officer went outside and saw the AF face down on the sidewalk. Woods was standing over her arguing with two other witnesses. The witnesses told the officer that Woods kicked the AF in the ribs. She also told the officer that he kicked her and pulled her hair.

Outcome: 8/14/95 He pled guilty to count one and Judge Alexander sentenced him to serve 90 days at the ACF. The judge stayed the time for one year if he abided by the following conditions: attend Alcoholics Anonymous, complete aftercare, no alcohol or controlled substance use, no criminal activity. If this sentence was ever revoked it was to be served consecutively to conviction #22. He was also given credit on this case for the 34 days already served. The prosecutor listed on this case is Julie Helling.

There appears to be a discrepancy between this sentence and the usual sentence for a 5th degree gross misdemeanor assault

#24 11/12/96
5th degree assault Gross Misdemeanor
5th degree assault
Disorderly conduct

Criminal complaint: The AF was visiting with friends and went in to use their restroom when Woods came barging into the room. He immediately began punching her in the forehead. This split her forehead open causing a great deal of bleeding. She was able to get to a neighbor's home where she found a ride to the hospital. Her injury required several stitches. This case is still active and has been "tagged along" with charge #25.

#25 12/11/96
Dangerous weapon in a Courthouse Felony

Criminal complaint: Woods appeared in Courtroom 557 of the Hennepin County Government Center before Referee Meade on a family court matter. A deputy was present in the courtroom and was aware there was an outstanding warrant for Woods arrest. The deputy arrested him and then searched him. During the search he discovered a knife in the pocket of the coat Woods was wearing.

Outcome: 12/16/96 At Woods' first appearance before Judge Leung on charge #25 bail was reduced from \$5,000 to \$1,000. It appears his bail evaluation score was 80, (this is the highest we have seen). Later in the week he posted bail. For charge #24 his bail was reduced from \$2,000 to zero, but it is noted he does have a bail on his felony charge.

1/17/97 At a hearing before Judge Neville (Newly elected Judge Aldrich was also on the bench at this hearing as part of his training), the attorneys arrived at an agreement on a sentence and will wait for an evaluation by the probation department before proceeding. Judge Neville will make the final decision on the sentences after reviewing the report from probation. Although this negotiation is not final, it was described in court and our court observer understood it as follows: the gross misdemeanor assault will be dismissed; for the felony he will serve 60 days at the ACF and a 15 month sentence at Stillwater will be stayed if he abides by conditions imposed by the judge. Public defender Pat Nevin represented him on charges #24 and #25. Brian Anderson is prosecuting charge #25. Kathy Rygh is listed as prosecuting charge #24 but Tim Mulrooney negotiated this plea.

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ACF (with credit for 213 days served in jail). She also resented White on **Pending Case #2** to 365 days at the ACF stayed for two years on the following conditions: verified weekly attendance at Alcoholics Anonymous; no alcohol or controlled substance use; follow all orders of family court; no contact with his wife; no criminal activity; no criminal charges; participation in the Domestic Abuse Project or therapy as recommended; no disorderly conduct charges; no drug related offenses; no mood altering chemicals; no use of non-prescription drugs; follow all recommendations of his probation officer; random urinalyses; participate in a new Rule 25 evaluation; no violations of the order for protection; and obtain Alco-sensor from 180 Degrees or LCA for five months within 24 hours of release from ACF.

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Bruce Allen Freitag was profiled in our January 1997 newsletter. In the previous ten years, he had been charged with 12 domestic violence related crimes in Hennepin County -- he pled guilty to six of those charges and the other six charges were dismissed. Examples of behavior from the six charges to which he pled guilty include: choking the victim; grabbing her hair and arms and pushing her nose into her face; repeatedly making terroristic threats over the phone; punching the victim in the face; forcing his way into the victims house, grabbing her and tackling her onto a chair, and grabbing her by the neck, choking her, and putting his hand over her mouth; and harassing the victim by sending her twenty-five letters in a two month period of time and leaving threatening phone messages.

On July 15, 1996, Freitag pled guilty to felony 5th degree assault and was sentenced to serve one year and a day at Stillwater (with 91 days credited for time served in jail). On the same day, the prosecutor dismissed a felony charge of harassment and Freitag pled guilty to a reduced charge of violation of an order for protection) -- he was sentenced to serve 90 days at the ACF with credit for 90 days already served. He also admitted to violating the conditions of a stayed sentence for escape from custody -- that sentence was revoked and he was given credit for 91 days served. On December 16, 1996, Freitag was released from correctional custody after serving five months for the felony assault.

2/20/97 New Case

- Violation of an Order for Protection**
(Gross Misdemeanor)

Criminal complaint: Freitag went to the home of the victim and tried to enter her home in violation of an OFP.

Event: On 2/27/97, Freitag posted a \$1,200 bond and was released from custody.

Event: On 5/27/97, Freitag pled guilty before Judge Nordby, sentencing was set for 8/12/97, and he was released from custody on the following conditions: no contact with the victim, follow all recommendations of his probation officer, no same or similar offenses, and no violation of the existing order for protection.

Event: On 8/13/97, Judge Nordby ordered a bench warrant because Freitag did not appear for sentencing the day before; the previous bond of \$1,200 was forfeited and a new bail of \$5,000 was ordered. As we go to print, Freitag's whereabouts are unknown. SIP lists Raymond Cantu as the prosecutor and Geoffrey Isaacman as the public defender.

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Anthony Thomas Woods was profiled in our February 1997 newsletter. In the previous eight years, he had been charged with 25 domestic violence crimes in Hennepin County -- he pled guilty to 11 of those charges, 12 charges were dismissed, and two charges were still pending when the February newsletter went to print. Examples of behavior from the 11 charges to which he pled guilty include: picking up the victim and throwing her to the ground (observed by ambulance personnel); disconnecting the phone and then pushing the victim around by grabbing her shoulders and punching her in the chest with a closed fist; threatening to push the victims 12-year-old son out of the apartment window and then pushing her to the floor; striking the victim in the stomach when she was three months pregnant; grabbing the victim by the neck and then hitting her and pushing her to the ground (observed by a police officer); and dragging the victim by the hair and kicking her in the ribs (observed by several witnesses).

11/12/96 Pending Case #1

- 2 counts Domestic Assault in the Fifth Degree** (Gross Misdemeanor)
- Disorderly Conduct** (Misdemeanor)

Criminal complaint: The victim was visiting with friends and went to use the restroom when Woods came barging into the room. He immediately began punching her in forehead. This split her forehead open, caused a great deal of bleeding, and required several stitches.

12/11/96 Pending Case #2

- Dangerous Weapon in a Courthouse**
(Felony)

Criminal complaint: Woods appeared in Courtroom 557 of the

Hennepin County Government Center on a family court matter. A deputy was present in the courtroom and was aware that there was an outstanding warrant for Woods arrest. The deputy arrested and then searched him. During the search, the Deputy discovered a knife in the pocket of the coat Woods was wearing.

Event: On 1/17/97, White pled guilty to **Pending Case #2** before Judge Neville who released him on a previously posted \$1,000 bond and ordered a pre-sentence investigation.

Event: on 2/26/97, Judge Neville rejected the plea negotiation for **Pending Case #2** after receiving the pre-sentence investigation.

3/10/97 New Case #1

•Assault in the Fifth Degree (Felony)

Criminal complaint: Two witnesses observed Woods punch the victim several times in the face and stomach while yelling at her to get up.

Event: On 3/11/97, Woods conditional release on **Pending Case #2** was revoked because of **New Case #1**; a \$5,000 cash-only bail was ordered.

Event: On 5/14/97, Woods waived his right to a jury trial for **New Case #1** and a trial by stipulation was held by Judge Nord. Woods was released pending Judge Nord's findings and was ordered not to have any contact with the victim.

Event: On 7/1/97, Judge Nord found Woods guilty in **New Case #1** and ordered a bench warrant with a \$25,000 bail.

Event: On 7/11/97, Woods is taken into custody and Judge Larson reduced the bail to \$10,000.

Outcome: On 8/6/97, Judge Nord dismissed **Pending Case #2** on motion of the prosecutor and sentenced Woods for **New Case #1** to serve 15 months at the DOC (with credit for 120 days served in jail) but stayed the sentence for five years with the following conditions: no alcohol, marijuana, or controlled substance use; no contact with the victim; participation in the domestic abuse project; random urinalysis; and no same or similar offenses. For both cases, SIP lists Brian Anderson as the prosecutor and John Hughes as the public defender.

Outcome: At 9:15 a.m. on 10/21/97, all three counts of **Pending Case #1** were dismissed by Judge Scherer on motion of the prosecutor. SIP lists John Hughes as the public defender and does not list a prosecutor.

Event: At 4:25 p.m. on 10/21/97, an order for arrest and detention for **New Case #1** was issued because Woods failed to maintain contact with his probation officer by moving without authorization. It was ordered that he be held without bail.

10/30/97 New Case #2

•Disorderly Conduct (Misdemeanor)

Event: On 10/31/97, a tab charge was filed for **New Case #2** and Judge Nordby continued it along with the arrest and detention for **New Case #1**; Woods was held without bail.

Event: Judge Ginsberg ordered bail for **New Case #1** to be set at \$10,000 and continued the case for a revocation hearing with Judge Nord.

Outcome: On 11/12/97, Woods had a revocation hearing on **New Case #1** and an appearance on **New Case #2** before Judge Burke. He pled guilty to **New Case #2** and Judge Burke sentenced him to 14 days in the ACF with 14 days credited for time served. After Woods admitted violating probation, Judge Burke also revoked 14 days on **New Case #1**, credited Woods with 14 days served, continued his probation, and released him. As we go to print, Woods appears to be complying with the conditions of probation on **New Case #1**.

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Gregory Michael Franson was profiled in our March 1997 newsletter. In the previous five years, he had been charged with 11 domestic violence related crimes in Hennepin County -- he pled guilty to three of those charges, four charges were dismissed, and four charges were still pending when the March newsletter went to print. Since 1983, Franson has also been charged with eight other crimes (including felony theft, aggravated robbery, 1st burglary, and 3rd degree assault) -- he pled guilty to three of those charges, a jury found him guilty on one charge, two charges were dismissed, a jury found him not guilty on one charge, and one charge was still pending.

8/29/96 Pending Case #1

•Assault in the Third Degree (Felony) •Terroristic Threats (Felony)

Criminal complaint: Police officers were called to the emergency room of Riverside Hospital where they talked to the victim. She indicated that Franson punched her in the face and choked her several times and said, "You're gonna die, bitch!" Officers observed severe swelling and bruises on her face. She had red marks around her neck in addition to cuts and bruises. She received treatment at the hospital for a broken nose and several stitches.

9/4/96 Pending Case #2

•Violation of Order for Protection (Gross Misdemeanor) •2 counts of Assault in the Fifth Degree (Gross Misdemeanor) •2 counts of Domestic Assault in the Fifth Degree (Misdemeanor) •Disorderly Conduct (Misdemeanor)