

Boston Man Connected to 2014 Kidnapping That Ended on Route 24 in Taunton Sentenced to Prison

Bristol County District Attorney Thomas M. Quinn III announced that a Boston man connected to a 2014 armed kidnapping was convicted in Fall River Superior Court Monday, and sentenced to serve up to eight years in state prison.

Adynew Alves, 30, pleaded guilty Monday to charges of kidnapping, and assault and battery.

On September 23, 2014, the defendant and his girlfriend, Stephanie Walker, 30, of Lawrence, asked a 49-year-old female acquaintance if she would accompany them to a friend's home in Haverhill. The victim agreed and got into a vehicle with them. However, instead of driving to Haverhill, the couple drove the vehicle to Walker's Lawrence home. The victim later told police that once inside a garage at the Lawrence home, Mr. Alves pulled a gun and accused her of stealing pills.

A struggle ensued, during which the victim was bitten and cut her hand. The victim was forced into the trunk of the car and driven away. During the ride, the victim was verbally threatened by the defendant. At some point during the drive south, the victim was able to force the trunk lock open and, when the car slowed down for traffic on Route 24 near the Route 140 exit, the victim jumped out of the trunk onto the highway.

Several civilians witnessed the victim getting out of the trunk and ran to her aid, while others called 911. The victim was immediately taken to an area hospital for treatment of her injuries. In the meantime, the two defendants fled in the

vehicle. The blue Nissan Sentra was found by police the next morning on Joshua Lane in Taunton. During a subsequent search of the vehicle, police found items in the trunk that the victim had said were there. They also found blood. During a search of the garage in Lawrence, blood was found, and clothing with blood on it was found in the house there. The blood from the trunk and the Lawrence garage matched the victim's DNA. Blood on a napkin found in the car and from pants found in Lawrence matched the defendant's DNA.

Both defendants were tracked to Baltimore, MD., where they were arrested in early October, 2014.

During Mr. Alves' sentencing hearing yesterday, Assistant District Attorney Stephen Nadeau argued for an eight to 10 years state prison sentence, to be followed by two years of supervised probation. The defense, however, requested a five to six year state prison sentence. Superior Court Judge Raffi Yessayan, after hearing from both sides, sentenced the defendant to serve six to eight years in state prison, to be followed by two years of supervised probation.

Stephanie Walker had previously pleaded guilty to kidnapping and assault with a dangerous weapon charges last June, and was sentenced to serve four to five years in state prison.

"This was outrageous and violent conduct, unfortunately once again associated with drugs. But for luck and divine intervention, the victim could have been much more seriously harmed," District Attorney Quinn said. "This type of uncivilized behavior must be punished severely."