

Taunton Man Who Forced His Way Into Neighbor's Bathroom Sentenced to Jail Time

A 30-year-old Taunton man who unlawfully entered his neighbor's apartment, got undressed and attempted to force his way into the female victim's bathroom while she was showering was convicted of two charges during a bench trial in Taunton District Court earlier this month, Bristol County District Attorney Thomas M. Quinn III announced.

Christopher Blake was convicted by Judge Neil Hourihan on February 6 of Breaking and Entering into a Building at Night for a Felony and Assault and Battery on a Police Officer. He was immediately sentenced to serve two years in the Bristol County House of Corrections, followed by two years of supervised probation.

On June 22, 2019 at approximately 11pm, the female victim was in the shower when she heard a knock on the bathroom door. The victim testified during the trial that she assumed her 4 year old son was knocking, so she called out to him but did not hear an answer. The victim testified that she then heard knocking more aggressively and observed the door shaking. The victim then asked who it was and heard a male's voice. Fearful, the victim got out of the shower and held herself against the door, but was unable to stop the defendant from pushing the door open. Once the door was opened, the victim immediately recognized the defendant as her neighbor. He was standing in front of her in just his underwear, with the rest of his clothing on the floor. After being confronted by another member of the victim's family, the defendant fled the apartment in his underwear.

Police were immediately contacted and when they arrived at the

victims' apartment, they observed the defendant's clothing on the victim's floor. Police then walked to the defendant's apartment, where they find him to be intoxicated and uncooperative. The defendant attempted to slam the door shut and struck one police officer in the shoulder before being placed under arrest.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Jennifer Czapiga.

"The facts of this case are very disturbing. Fortunately, the victim was not harmed. I am pleased that the court took the defendant's conduct seriously and imposed the maximum sentence," District Attorney Quinn said.