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PAUL NAULT CONVICTED OF AGGRAVATED FELONIOUS SEXUAL ASSAULT

Paul Nault, age 42, of Dunbarton, was found guilty after a two-day bench trial in the Hillsborough County Superior Court North on November 23, 2011, before the Honorable Kenneth C. Brown. Nault was convicted of two alternative counts of Aggravated Felonious Sexual Assault.

In August of 2010, Nault and his wife attended a party at the victim's sister's house in Manchester. After the party the defendant and his wife stayed the night in the home in a spare bedroom. During the night the defendant went into the victim's bedroom and sexually assaulted her. The victim testified that she awoke to the defendant assaulting her and cried out. The defendant was getting out of the bed when his wife came and found him naked in the room. At trial, the defendant and his wife claimed that he was intoxicated and he did not know what he was doing.

The victim reported the assault to the Manchester Police Department. Detective Daniel Nolan investigated the case.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant County Attorney Michael Valentine. "We recognize that reporting and testifying in these cases is a difficult process. However, the victim's courage in coming forward and testifying at trial will hopefully prevent Nault from doing this to anyone else," said Assistant County Attorney Michael Valentine.

Judge Brown revoked the defendant's bail and sentencing will be scheduled in approximately 60 days. The defendant is subject to a maximum of 10 to 20 years in the New Hampshire State Prison.

Questions about the case can be referred to County Attorney Dennis C. Hogan at the County Attorney's Office in Manchester at 603.627.5605.

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