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Howard County Man Sentenced to 8 Years in Prison for His Second Domestic Violence Assault

Howard County, MD (January 16, 2020) – Alhaji Samura, age 34, of Jessup, MD was sentenced to eight years in prison today after a jury found him guilty of second-degree assault on August 1, 2019 for an assault that occurred on January 5, 2019. On that day Samura called his girlfriend and asked her to bring him his medication. When she got off work, she went to his home to drop off the medication and the two engaged in an argument. Samura grabbed her by the neck and pulled her inside the house and pushed her into the basement. He then slammed her on the ground and placed her in a choke hold. His girlfriend lost consciousness and woke up to him pounding on her chest and crying.

On April 27, 2018, Samura pleaded guilty to a second-degree assault on the same girlfriend and was originally given a suspended sentence with supervised probation. His probation included a condition that he have no adverse contact with his girlfriend. In that case, on December 8, 2017, his girlfriend was 19 weeks pregnant when he pushed her onto a bed, jumped on top of her stomach, and straddled her. He punched her face with a closed fist and put his forearm against her neck and pushed down. On November 21, 2019, Samura admitted violating the terms of his probation. At that time, his probation was revoked, and he was sentenced to five years in prison.

The eight-year sentence imposed today is consecutive to the five years he received for violating his probation in the prior case, meaning Samura will serve a total of 13 years in prison. Upon release, he will be placed on five years of supervised probation and must have no contact with the victim.

Senior Assistant State's Attorney Devora W. Kirschner, who is also the Deputy Chief of the Special Victims Unit, prosecuted this case.

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