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ULSTER COUNTY DA'S OFFICE ANNOUNCES CONVICTION IN 2022 TOWN OF ULSTER STABBING FOLLOWING JURY TRIAL

KINGSTON, NY – On September 14, 2023, Ariel Supple, age 29, of the Town of Ulster, NY, was convicted of Assault in the Second Degree and Criminal Mischief in the Third Degree following a four-day jury trial before the Honorable Bryan Rounds in Ulster County Court.

On July 22, 2022, defendant Ariel Supple, as part of an argument, took a chef's knife and then stabbed and slashed her former boyfriend. Defendant then took the victim's \$300.00 sneakers and smeared them through a pool of his own blood, ruining the shoes, which she then threw out the back door at which time the victim called 911. The investigation was led by the Town of Ulster Police Department.

The lead prosecutor in the case, **Assistant District Attorney James Bryant**, said "Domestic violence does not discriminate, it affects relationships regardless of race, creed, gender, or socioeconomic status. The only way to truly address the widespread issue is to be open and honest about its ubiquitous nature."

Deputy Chief Assistant District Attorney Elizabeth Culmone Mills, who is also currently serving as Bureau Chief of the Special Victims Bureau, said "We are grateful to the jurors for their service. As a society we often overlook opportunities to identify and support male victims of female perpetrated violence. The verdict in this case, on the heels of a steadfast investigation and prosecution, exemplifies a continued commitment to recognize that intimate partner violence is a pervasive community problem that can affect anyone".

Sentencing is scheduled on November 30, 2023 at 9:30 am, before the Honorable Bryan Rounds. The defendant faces a potential sentence of 8 to 11 years. The defendant was represented by attorney Randy Siper.

If you or a loved one are experiencing domestic violence or intimate partner violence, please call Ulster County Crime Victims Assistance Program at (845) 340-3443, or 911 if you are in immediate danger.