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Beatty Found Guilty of All Counts in Armed Attack

St. Charles County, Missouri- The Office of Prosecuting Attorney Tim Lohmar announces that Jerry L. Beatty of Wentzville was convicted on all 5 counts charged. After deliberating for less than an hour, the jury found him guilty of 3 felonies including domestic assault, armed criminal action, and burglary. The jury also returned a guilty verdict on the 2 misdemeanor charges of resisting arrest and the violation of an order of protection.

The charges stemmed from an attack last year. On April 26, 2013, Beatty kicked down the door to his ex-girlfriend's home in O'Fallon. At the time, she had an active ex parte order against Beatty. After entering the home, Beatty grabbed the victim by her hair and pulled the trigger on a loaded handgun. After the gun failed to go off, he attempted to shoot her several more times. Forensic testing showed impressions in the bullet from the firing pin but could not determine why the gun did not fire.

After the gun failed to fire, Beatty fled the scene. Police attempted to arrest him and he attempted to resist the officers. He led police on a high-speed pursuit through St. Charles and St. Louis Counties, ending in a crash. Beatty has a previous conviction in North Carolina of robbery.

Sentencing is scheduled for April 16. Beatty faces more than 45 years in prison.

