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**Jury Sentences Habitual Felon to 50 Years**  
**For Family-Violence Burglary of a Habitation**

A Smith County jury sentenced Fred Douglas Moore II (DOB: 08-18-1980), 45, to 50 years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice after convicting him of Burglary of a Habitation with Intent to Commit Assault.

During the trial, prosecutors Noah Coltman and Promise Trujillo presented evidence showing that Moore went to the residence where the victim was staying without invitation and initiated a confrontation outside the home. When the victim sought safety by going inside and attempting to secure the door, Moore forced his way in and viciously assaulted her. Moore fled when the victim called for help from a family member inside the residence. An independent eyewitness corroborated seeing Moore force entry and leave moments later.

Like many survivors of family violence, the victim initially struggled to speak openly about the incident. However, consistent with her documented injuries and other evidence, she ultimately testified under oath that Moore assaulted her.

Jurors also heard recorded jail calls in which Moore attempted to manipulate the victim's testimony and pressure her not to appear in court. Evidence showed he repeatedly attempted to contact her—over 3,000 times during an eight-month period—while incarcerated. Despite these efforts, the jury focused solely on the evidence and arrived at a swift and unanimous verdict.

During the punishment phase, the jury learned that Moore had two prior felony convictions, including a robbery for which he was on parole at the time of this offense. Based on that history and the violent nature of the assault, the jury assessed a sentence of 50 years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

"This verdict affirms that our community will not tolerate violence or attempts to intimidate survivors," said Assistant District Attorney Promise Trujillo. "We are grateful to the jury for carefully evaluating the evidence and ensuring accountability."

The case was investigated by Officer Elliott Patterson with the Tyler Police Department and prosecuted by Assistant District Attorneys Promise Trujillo and Noah Coltman.



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