

## Two days in Baltimore jail nets 12 years locally

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### Thomas Donnell Evans

**Leonardtown, MD** -- A St. Mary's County man has learned the hard way that a circuit court judge means what he says. Thomas Evans, 35, was sentenced June 15 to 12 years in jail by Judge Michael Stamm. Evens was originally sentenced in 2008 to a total of 24 years in jail for after pleading guilty to possession with intent to distribute cocaine and possession of cocaine. All but 12 years of that was suspended.

Evans probation was violated after he was arrested and convicted in Baltimore City on second-degree assault charges. The victim in that incident was Evans' girlfriend. For that offense Evans was sentenced to two days in jail.

Evans also reportedly failed to report to the Parole and Probation office in Baltimore on several occasions, but the underlying charge that led to the probation violation was the second-degree assault in Baltimore. He was violated under the probation condition that he obey all laws.

Evans got a double whammy June 16 in circuit court. Before Judge Stamm imposed his sentence, Evans appeared before Judge Karen Evans for violating probation in a 1999 conviction of first-degree assault. Judge Abrams imposed a seven-year sentence on that, but Judge Stamm made his 12-year sentence concurrent with the sentence of Judge Abrams.

Judge Abrams said in imposing the sentence: "I don't want to punish you forever. It's on you, it isn't on anybody else." Evans was represented at that sentencing hearing by public defender, Sean Moran. The state was represented by Assistant State's Attorney Julie White.

Everybody involved then went down the hall to the next courtroom to appear before Judge Stamm. He tells all defendants when he sentences them that if they violate their probation they will get the back-up time and rarely deviates from that.

At the sentencing hearing before Judge Stamm, Evans was represented by La Plata attorney Hammad Matin. The lawyer told Judge Stamm that the victim in the Baltimore second-degree assault continues to stand by her man and paid for Matin to represent Evans.

Matin observed that the two-day sentence in Baltimore, given its crime rate, may equate to something higher elsewhere. But the lawyer did indicate that going to jail for 12 years for a two-day jail sentence seemed to be a disconnect.

Evans' mother took the stand in his defense and said her son was on medication at the time of the incident. Evans in apologizing to Judge Abrams said "I feel like I let my family down and the court down."

Matin told Judge Stamm that Evans had medical issues and he had the support of his family for recovery and asked for leniency for his client. Evans also apologized to Judge Stamm. "I am a different person," he insisted.

Judge Stamm predictably told Evans that he had made a promise to obey the conditions of his probation and he failed to do so and thus would have to suffer the consequences. He did ask that Evans be sent to the Patuxent Institute so he can get counseling for his mental health issues.

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