

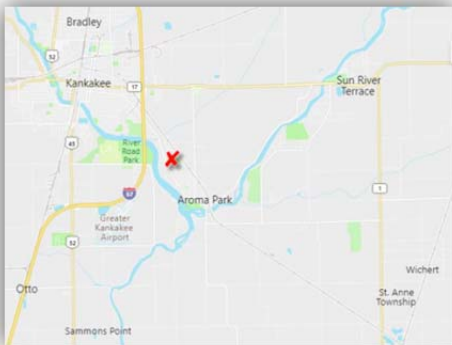


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MAN FOUND GUILTY FOR 2017 ATTEMPTED MURDER

January 23, 2020- Kankakee, IL- Yesterday afternoon, a jury found 31 year-old Darrin D. Reed Jr. guilty of all charges stemming from a July 2017 Attempted Murder in rural Aroma Park. Reed, of unincorporated St. Anne, has remained incarcerated since his arrest on July 13, 2017, the day of the attack. In the early morning hours of that day, deputies were dispatched the Waldron Arboretum (2755 Waldron Road, Kankakee, IL) in regards to a severely battered female that was lying in a ditch.

Shortly after investigators located evidence pinning Reed to the brutal attack, officers were able to locate him and, subsequently, take him into custody.



“The details of this case are among some of the most heinous and atrocious imaginable,” said Sheriff Mike Downey. “I sincerely applaud the incredible work and extra efforts set forth by the deputies and investigators involved, as well as the Kankakee County State’s Attorney’s Office for the thorough prosecution efforts, for ensuring that this dangerous individual be removed from our community.”

“The excellent work of law enforcement and the tenacity of prosecutors Carol Costello and Brenda Claudio all contributed to this conviction,” explained Kankakee County State’s Attorney Jim Rowe. “Our community is safer for everyone with this violent predator behind bars. With this verdict, we should all be proud of our local law enforcement and criminal justice system. I ask that the community keep the victim in their prayers so that she can begin to heal as a survivor.”

Reed, a registered sexual offender, was found guilty of Attempted Murder, Robbery and two counts of Aggravated Battery Causing Great Bodily Harm. He remains incarcerated at the Jerome Combs Detention Center where he awaits his sentencing hearing, which is set for March 13th in front of the Honorable Judge Kathy Elliot.

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