

First conviction made under domestic-violence law



CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP) — A man who beat his wife bloody and drove around two states with her locked in his trunk became the first person Tuesday convicted under the new federal domestic-violence law.

Christopher Bailey, 34, could get up to 20 years in prison under the new law and life behind bars for kidnapping. Sentencing was scheduled for Aug. 21.

He beat his wife, Sonya, on Nov. 26, placed her unconscious in the trunk of their compact car and drove around West Virginia and Kentucky until Dec. 1, when he carried her into a Corbin, Ky., emergency room, prosecutors said.

Mrs. Bailey, 33, remains in a coma.

The Violence Against Women Act, part of the 1994 crime bill, makes crossing a state line to assault a spouse or domestic partner a federal offense. Bailey was the first person prosecuted under the law, which was passed in August.

"This sends a message that federal authorities are willing to step in and prosecute domestic violence where we

can," U.S. Attorney Rebecca Betts said.

Advocates for victims of domestic abuse said prosecuting offenders under state laws is often difficult when the evidence doesn't clearly show which events occurred in which legal jurisdiction.

Had Bailey been prosecuted under West Virginia laws, he would have faced a malicious wounding charge that carries up to 10 years in prison, state police Sgt. J.J. Dean said.

Bailey showed no emotion as the jury verdict was read and did not answer reporters' questions as he was led away in shackles. Two of his daughters from a previous marriage broke down in tears.

His lawyers maintained he was innocent.

"This is a new crime and it is very complex and prone to be confusing," said attorney Gerard Kelley. "I have believed all along that it would be really tough for us to pick a jury from this area, given the high profile nature of this case."

During the trial, his lawyers argued that Bailey was in an alcoholic blackout and never intended to harm his wife.

Bailey, a handyman at a nursing home, testified he could only remember arguing with his wife in a bar in their hometown of St. Albans and waking up two days later in a place he didn't recognize to find her severely injured in the back seat. He was seated behind the wheel of the car, he said.

He said he drove around a few days before taking her to a hospital, because "I thought I could get her better by myself." He said he went to a Kmart and bought bandages, hydrogen peroxide and antibiotic ointment for her wounds.

Investigators found a pool of blood and urine in the wheel well of the trunk. The lid of the trunk was dented from the inside and scratch marks were found around the lock.

Prosecutors said Mrs. Bailey may have regained consciousness and tried to escape.

"Whatever sentence he gets, it will never make up for what he did to Sonya," said Elena Campbell, the woman's mother.

Bay area stock buyers go hog wild to help girl

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A hog that set off a tearful stock show bidding war sold for a record \$500 per pound to help a 14-year-old girl recovering from brain surgery.

Nichole Norioan listened by telephone from her bed at Mount Zion Hospital as her 216-pound hog garnered \$108,000 at the Salinas Valley Fair junior livestock auction in King City.

Nichole "just cried a lot" listening to the bidding, said her mother, Margaret.

The money will go to the medical expenses of the high school freshman, who had a tumor removed from her brain April 22.

Norioan, a longtime 4-H Club member, raised her pig Rudy especially for the fair.

Emotions ran so high after the circumstances of the sale were announced in the arena that the auctioneer had to leave the ring before the bidding was completed.

"It was amazing," said Paul Slocum, the fair manager. "I'll tell you, there wasn't a dry eye in the arena. There were some pretty tough guys in there slipping on their sunglasses."

Dennis Caprara and Ed Silva, both Gonzales farmers, split the winning bid Saturday.

Silva had gone to the show expecting to help his daughter buy lambs, not sink \$54,000 in pork.

"Then I heard the announcement about Nichole and her tumor," he said. "I didn't know a thing about it until then. But it sort of touched me."

4-H officials collected another \$8,000 in donations. All the money was deposited in a trust account established for Norioan at Salinas Valley Bank.

Missouri town holds back flood

STE. GENEVIEVE, Mo. (AP) — The 44-foot-high levees of this historic town held firm Tuesday against the cresting Mississippi River. But approaching storms threatened more high water.

"Our eyes are on the skies, and our call is for more sandbag volunteers to work while the weather is sunny," Mayor Bill Anderson said. "We need to stockpile while we can so we don't get into a panic later."

An unofficial river marker along the downtown levee indicated a crest of just under 45 feet, about four feet below the record 1993 flood waters, said Vern Bauman, president of Ste. Genevieve Levee District No. 3.

The marker indicated a drop of about three inches between early morning and mid-afternoon Tuesday, he said.

The Mississippi crested at 43.8 feet at Chester, Ill., a dozen miles downriver from Ste. Genevieve. That was nearly 17 feet above flood stage and a rise of half a foot in less than a day's time leading up to the crest.

"We've done well so far in

holding back the Mississippi, but the rain is our enemy," said Emerald Loida, president of Ste. Genevieve Levee District No. 2. "If the rain could just move south of us, we'd be in the driver's seat. If it comes in on top of us, we're in trouble."

After two days of sunshine that allowed flood fighters to get some rest, storms pushed across Missouri on Tuesday from Kansas and Nebraska. Rain was forecast through Saturday.

The Missouri River continued dropping, but additional rain could again flood smaller waterways that feed the big river in northern and western Missouri. The Missouri, in turn, feeds the Mississippi just north of St. Louis.

Already the flooding is ranked as the third worst on record in Missouri. Along the flood's path down the Missouri River are scores of broken or weakened farm levees, inundated acreage and towns with long, costly cleanups ahead.

Two people have died because of flooding in Missouri.

It was clear, hot and humid at Ste. Genevieve, and work pressed ahead.

Farmers and their neighbors loaded sandbags for use along a nine-mile-long levee protecting about 40 buildings south of Ste. Genevieve, several of them dating to French settlement days in the 1700s. The 260-year-old town about 60 miles south of St. Louis defied high water during the Flood of 1993, too.

"We've held out so far against that river, and if nature will just give us until dinner before she sends rain, I think we'll be OK," Bill Beckerman said.

Trucks and all-terrain vehicles crept along the narrow top of the levee to deliver more than 150 tons of sandbags.

The levee, on which \$3 million has been spent since the 1993 flood, separates the Mississippi from 6,500 acres of rich bottomland where corn, soybeans and wheat are grown.

Tourists kept arriving for regularly scheduled charter bus stops.

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