

# Tennessee Man Sentenced for VFW Assault

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Zachariah Purcell, 26, of Morristown, Tennessee was sentenced today after pleading guilty on March 24<sup>th</sup> to one count of aggravated assault (F4) and one count of assault (M1) for a fight he instigated earlier this year at the VFW lodge in Mason.

On January 24, 2015, Purcell entered the Mason VFW. When asked to show his membership card, Purcell stated he could not find it. At this point, members of the lodge asked him to leave. Purcell refused and subsequently assaulted two members, striking one with a pool stick and punching another. He fled out the back door, but was tracked by a police K-9 unit and was subsequently located.

Today, Judge Donald Oda sentenced Purcell to three years of community control which includes successful completion of an inpatient drug treatment program. Upon release, Purcell is to be on house arrest for 90 days, pay restitution to one victim for medical bills, and complete a mental health assessment before returning to Tennessee.

Warren County Prosecutor David P. Fornshell recognized the efforts of Officer Michael Bishop from the Mason Police Department for his investigation of the incident, as well as Assistant Prosecutor Teresa Hiatt who prosecuted the case.



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