

PRESS RELEASE

HABITUAL VIOLENT OFFENDER SENTENCED TO 99 YEARS IN PRISON

(Bonham, Texas—August 25, 2016) Timothy Leon Leuck, 49, of Paris, Texas, was sentenced today to serve 99 years in prison for Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon. Lueck was arrested on May 24, 2015 for assaulting Rudy Esquivel with a knife, severing multiple tendons in Esquivel's foot and causing permanent damage. The jury deliberated for approximately three hours before returning a verdict of guilty as charged in the indictment.



During the punishment phase, jurors heard testimony regarding Lueck's previous prison sentences for Aggravated Assault and Robbery, including an incident where he hijacked a school bus to flee from Houston police officers and then drove the bus into a home. Evidence was also presented of Lueck's membership in the Aryan Brotherhood white supremacist prison gang and Lueck's assault on a Fannin County Jail inmate while awaiting trial, an incident recorded by jail security cameras. Don Hoover, the prosecutor, stated, "Mr. Lueck is a career criminal. He has been committing crimes for over 30 years with no desire to change. Mr. Lueck's attack on Mr. Esquivel, who was unarmed, is just another example of Lueck's character. Rudy Esquivel is still suffering from Lueck's attack. So, I appreciate the jury's decisions and its work in this case. They have made us all safer from this man."