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Richard Rybolt sentenced to 110 years for 2020 stabbing, kidnapping

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. – Marion County Prosecutor Ryan Mears announced today that Richard Rybolt has been sentenced to 110 years in the Indiana Department of Correction for the March 2020 stabbing of a woman and her three-year-old child. Rybolt was convicted of two counts of Attempted Murder (Level 1 Felonies), Aggravated Battery (Level 3 Felony), Kidnapping with a Deadly Weapon (Level 3 Felonies), and two counts of Criminal Recklessness (Level 6 Felonies). Additionally, Rybolt was found guilty of the Habitual Offender Sentencing Enhancement. Rybolt was convicted after a jury trial in January.

On March 27, 2020, IMPD officers responded to a report of a person stabbed on the city's east side. The woman, her father, and her child were gathering items from an old residence when Rybolt attacked.

Rybolt entered the front seat of the victim's vehicle and began to stab her with a steak knife. When the victim's father, who was sitting in the backseat, was able to free her from the attack, Rybolt began to stab her three-year-old daughter who was sitting in her car seat. He then fled the scene in the victim's vehicle while her father and daughter were still in the vehicle.

"The defendant not only threatened the lives of three family members but also innocent drivers on the road while he attempted to flee, and this sentencing reflects accountability for the defendant's heinous actions," Prosecutor Mears said. "Our thoughts remain with the family as they focus on healing and moving forward from this incident."

The victim's father stated that Rybolt continued to threaten and attempt to stab him and the child while repeatedly attempting to strike oncoming cars in traffic.

Rybolt and the woman had previously been in a relationship.