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**Tomah Man Sentenced to 18 Years Prison
for Thanksgiving 2023 Stabbing in the City of Sparta**

[SPARTA, WI] Today, Monroe County District Attorney Kevin D. Croninger announced that on March 12, 2024, Monroe County Judge Todd L. Ziegler sentenced 45 year old, Geroge M. Solis, to an 18 year term in the Wisconsin State prison system. After completing his 18 year term in the Wisconsin State Prison system, Solis will be supervised for an additional 20 years by the Wisconsin Department of Corrections. Judge Ziegler also sentenced Solis in relation to two additional separate cases, in each of those cases the Court sentenced Solis to 1 year of initial confinement and 1 year of extended supervision. Thus the total sentence for Solis will be a 20 year term in the Wisconsin State Prison system and 22 years of additional supervision by the Wisconsin Department of Corrections.

Solis enter pleas on March 12, 2024 to the following Counts:

Monroe County Case Number 2023CF000663:

1st Degree Reckless Injury, Use of a Dangerous Weapon, Repeater,
1st Degree Recklessly Endangering Safety, Use of a Dangerous Weapon Repeater,
Two counts of Felony Bail Jumping

These counts related to the Defendant stabbing two victims at a Thanksgiving gathering in the City of Sparta in November 2023.

Monroe County Case Number 2023CF000376:

Substantial Battery, Repeater

This count related to the Defendant battering a victim at a hotel in the City of Tomah in July of 2023.

Monroe County Case Number 2023CF000282:

Attempt Battery-Bodily Harm

This count relates to the Defendant attempting to strike a victim with a golf club, in the City of Tomah in May of 2023.

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District Attorney Croninger stated, "We appreciate the sentences of Judge Ziegler today. The sentences handed down today will help to ensure the public is safe from Mr. Solis for the next two decades. While there is no sentence which can undo the significant trauma caused by Mr. Solis to multiple victim(s), we certainly hope the sentence of the Court gives the victim(s) a level of justice which can help them along their journey to recovering from or dealing with that trauma "

The investigation of the stabbing case was led by the City of Sparta Police Department, with assistance from the Monroe County Sheriff's Office. Croninger praised both the initial response and the investigation of the case. Sergeant Jacob Ludovice, Detective Adam Malin, and Officer Jakob Larson, of the City of Sparta Police Department, as well as, Sergeant Rylan Corcoran of the Monroe County Sheriff's Office, were some of the first officers to arrive on scene. "The response from law enforcement in this case was both highly effective and highly professional. Officers arrived at a difficult and potentially chaotic scene. They quickly secured the scene and, with the assistance of Sparta Ambulance, began rendering aid to victims. All of this was accomplished while maintaining the evidentiary integrity of the scene. All responding officers and those who assisted those officers deserve significant recognition for their work. Their efforts that evening not only helped save the victim's life and secure the safety of the residents of Sparta, but also initiated what was a highly professional and thorough investigation into the situation."

Croninger further praised the investigative efforts of the City of Sparta Police Department, which were led by Lieutenant Jose Tovar and Investigator Ty Brey with assistance from many members of the City of Sparta Police Department and the Monroe County Sheriff's Office. "The investigation into this case was highly professional, thorough and effective. Any time there is scene with more than one victim, a level of disorder is possible. The professionalism of all involved avoided any such disorder in this investigation. The investigators and officers thoroughly documented the scene of the event, as well as other areas of evidentiary value. The high quality of the investigation and professionalism of those involved led to the Defendant entering a plea without ever meaningfully contesting his guilt."

Croninger concluded, "One cannot express enough how fortunate we are to have such high quality law enforcement and public safety professionals here in Monroe County. The men and women of law enforcement routinely demonstrate an extremely high level of skill, professionalism and dedication. This case is yet another tremendous example of all of those qualities. Of course, no one ever wants a dangerous situation to take place, if one does, the citizens of Monroe County can rest assured, that their safety will be protected by selfless public servants who conduct themselves with a high level of skill, professionalism and dedication. I am deeply thankful we have such professionals serving us here in Monroe County"

The prosecution of the stabbing case was handled by Monroe County District Attorney Kevin Croninger, the prosecution of the two additional cases was handled by Assistant District Attorney Charles Betthausen. Both District Attorney Croninger and Assistant District Attorney Betthausen were assisted significantly by staff of the Monroe County District Attorney's Office.



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