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District Man Sentenced to Three Years In Prison For Assault with Gun on Girlfriend and Related Charges -Defendant Pressed Loaded Gun Against His Girlfriend's Head -

WASHINGTON - Brandon Nolley, 25, of Washington, D.C., has been sentenced to three years in prison, followed by three years of supervised release, for an assault with a gun and subsequent threats against his then-girlfriend, U.S. Attorney Ronald C. Machen Jr. announced.

Nolley pled guilty in March 2011 to one count of assault with a dangerous weapon, two counts of felony threats to injure, one count of possession of an unregistered firearm, and one count of unlawful possession of ammunition. On June 8, 2011, he was sentenced in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia by the Honorable Ann O'Regan Keary.

According to the government's evidence, on August 31, 2010, at about 7 p.m., Nolley and his girlfriend were at their residence in Northeast Washington. She was in their bed, close to a wall. Nolley told her to move so that he could take her spot. When she told him no, he pulled out a loaded nine-millimeter firearm and pressed it against her head.

Less than two weeks later, on September 12, 2010, Nolley was angry at his girlfriend because she spent the night at her best friend's home to celebrate her birthday. Over the course of several angry phone conversations, he threatened to kill her, and threatened to sexually assault her niece, among other serious threats. According to the victim, these incidents capped years of physical and emotional abuse at the hands of the defendant.

In announcing the sentence, U.S. Attorney Machen commended those who worked on the case from the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD), including Detective Sabrina Young and Officers Stephen Chih, Thomas O'Donnell, Lavern Miller, Shannon Gill, and Ed Wise, of the Sixth District. He also expressed his appreciation to Paralegal Jason Manuel and Legal Assistant Charmonique Price, who prepared the case for indictment, Domestic Violence Advocate Maria Shumar, who worked with the victim throughout the case, and Assistant U.S. Attorneys Bridget Fitzpatrick and Mervin Bourne, who indicted and prosecuted the case.