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# Domestic violence suspect gets bond

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A \$25,000 bond was granted Monday to an Augusta man accused of committing a third assault on a woman.

Gregory A. Wadley, 29, has pleaded not guilty in Richmond County Superior Court to three counts of aggravated battery, battery and misdemeanor cruelty to children.

Defense and prosecuting attorneys told Chief Judge Carl C. Brown Jr. that the woman who accused Wadley of a Jan. 4, 2018, domestic violence incident refuses to cooperate in the prosecution of the case. Without her cooperation, Assistant District Attorney Timothy O'Brien told the judge he was unsure how to proceed.

Defense attorney Keith Johnson renewed his request for bond for Wadley, who has been in custody for over a year after his federal supervised release was revoked. Bond was previously denied..

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According to the indictment, Wadley's ex-girlfriend said he punched her in the eye, dislocated a shoulder and broke an elbow during a prolonged assault that occurred in front of a child.

According to an incident report, deputies found the woman lying on her living floor with a "laceration to her mouth and deformation bones to the left side" of her body. She told officers that Wadley punched her, then picked her up and slammed her to the floor twice. Instead of seeking Wadley's arrest, the officer told the woman she could take out a warrant. The woman did obtain a warrant, which led to the indictment.

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It wasn't the first time Wadley was accused of domestic violence. In 2014, he was charged with domestic violence battery, trespass and reckless conduct. He pleaded guilty and was sentenced to two months in jail with the remainder of three years on probation. In that case, according to court documents, Wadley grabbed a different woman by the throat and kicked her in the stomach, causing her to crash the vehicle she was driving. He also kicked out a window and cracked the windshield.

In January 2014, Wadley pleaded guilty in U.S. District Court to battery for beating, pushing and grabbing a woman by the neck at Fort Gordon. He was sentenced to six months of incarceration with a year of supervised release. When he was arrested last year, his supervised release was revoked for six months in August 2018.

In addition to those misdemeanor convictions, Wadley was convicted of burglary in 2008.

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