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FENCH SENTENCED TO UP TO 22 YEARS IN PRISON

TOLEDO, Ohio – Lucas County Prosecuting Attorney Julia R. Bates announced that a Lucas County judge sentenced Bobby Fench, 27, to up to 22 years in prison on Oct. 24, 2025, after a jury found him guilty of felonious assault on Oct. 2, 2025, in case CR2025-00385.

Fench must serve at least eight years for the felonious assault conviction, but the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction can keep him in prison for up to 12 years if he violates prison rules or continues to pose a threat. He must also serve an additional 10-year term under the repeat violent offender specification, which runs before and consecutive to the eight-to-12-year term.

On March 10, 2025, the victim left Fench's home in Toledo when he chased her down and violently struck her in the head, knocking her to the ground. When she tried to get up, he charged at her again. Fench continued to assault the victim as she lay on the ground, smashing her head into the concrete, then left her bleeding, injured and alone. After a neighbor tried to help, Fench attempted to drag the unconscious victim back to the home. A nearby camera captured the attack.

"Love does not leave you bleeding and unconscious on the sidewalk," Prosecutor Bates said. "The people we love and who claim to love us are supposed to be our safe haven. We are grateful for the jury's service and for the Toledo Police Department's thorough investigation."

Despite a no-contact order and revoked phone privileges while he was held in the Lucas County Jail, Fench and the victim exchanged more than 1,000 phone calls, during which he urged her not to cooperate with prosecutors. He was on active federal parole and wearing an ankle monitor at the time of the attack.

Chief of the Criminal Division Jennifer Liptack-Sutphin and Assistant Prosecutor Samantha Crist led the prosecution for the Lucas County Prosecutor's Office.