

City man sentenced after violent attack

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A local man was ordered yesterday to serve five years in prison for breaking a Fredericksburg man's jaw after entering his home.

Craig Owen Vaczy, 30, also of Fredericksburg, already pled guilty to malicious wounding as part of an agreement that ensured he would get no more than five years.

Defense attorney Shama Farooq asked Judge Gordon Willis in Fredericksburg Circuit Court to sentence Vaczy to two years.

But Willis decided that would not be appropriate for Vaczy, who already had 14 previous criminal convictions.

According to prosecutor Travis Bird, Vaczy broke into the home of David Scott on Charles Street on Aug. 28 and confronted him.

Scott has maintained all along that he didn't know Vaczy.

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But Vaczy told police the two men knew each other and gave several reasons that he went there that day, including buying drugs, selling drugs and buying tools.

Whatever the reason, Bird said, the encounter soon turned violent.

The victim pulled a knife when Vaczy refused to leave. Vaczy took the knife from the victim and beat him. He used the knife to cut cords from the television and other appliances and tied Scott up.

Vaczy left the home with tools, Scott's wallet and other items.

A neighbor who had heard Scott screaming called police, and Vaczy was arrested on Sophia Street a short time later. He still had the knife and the wallet.

Scott suffered multiple broken bones in his face and a concussion, Bird said. Vaczy has been ordered to make \$5,018 in restitution for his medical bills.

Vaczy made a brief statement yesterday in which he said he was sorry and did not go to Scott's home intending to hurt him.

Vaczy still has eight years of suspended time hanging over his head in the city that he could be ordered to serve.

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