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**MAN SENTENCED TO 5 YEARS IN PRISON FOR
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON**

October 15, 2015

GALVESTON - On Monday, October 12, 2015 Zachary Morrow pled guilty before a jury to the second degree felony offense of Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon. Thursday, a jury sentenced Morrow to 5 years in the Institutional Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice and assessed a fine of \$10,000.

On November 15, 2014, Morrow, then 17 years of age, went to Paul Hopkins Park in Dickinson with a friend. The two approached a woman who regularly feeds feral cats at the park. As the woman prepared food for the cats, Morrow's friend, a juvenile, bent down to pet the cats. Morrow stabbed the woman in the back with a knife. After flagging down a passerby and speaking to police officers from the Dickinson Police Department, the woman was transported to Clear Lake Regional Hospital where a tube was placed in her side to treat a collapsed lung. Minutes later, Morrow was found walking away from the park by officers from the Dickinson Police Department.

Morrow was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorneys Joseph Frank and Jennifer Ott in the 56th District Court, with Judge Lonnie Cox presiding, and Alvin Saenz representing the defendant.

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