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Peabody man convicted for rape in Lynn home

Woman was asleep at time of attack

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LAWRENCE — A Peabody man was convicted of raping a woman in a Lynn home more than two years ago as she slept.

Jeffrey Dorne, 23, of 2 South Shore Ave., Peabody, was convicted of rape Wednesday by a Lawrence Superior Court jury who deliberated for almost eight hours over a two-day span.

Judge Leila R. Kern post-

poned sentencing until Feb. 18.

Dorne, who is facing up to 20 years in state prison, remains in custody.

Assistant District Attorney Murat Erkan presented evidence that on June 23, 2001 Dorne raped a then 19-year-old Dorchester woman as she slept.

The victim, now 21, and her friend were at a party at 7 Ruthven Terrace. She reportedly admitted they had been drinking and passed out.

Dorne, an acquaintance of

the victim, was also present at the party. The victim awoke and saw Dorne having sex with her without her permission. Dorne did not take the stand in his own defense, but maintained the sexual encounter was consensual.

A second charge for indecent assault and battery on another woman was dismissed for lack of evidence.

Defense lawyer Christopher Dearborn argued there was not enough evidence at the trial to warrant the charge. The judge agreed.

Lynnfield man gets probation for insurance, credit fraud

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LAWRENCE — A man who admitted he defrauded more than a dozen insurance companies of approximately \$100,000 by making false reports and other claims, was placed on 10 years probation, fined \$40,000 and ordered to pay \$60,000 in restitution.

Jeffrey P. Hurley, 44, of 5 Ivanhoe Drive, Lynnfield, pleaded guilty to 60 charges Wednesday in Lawrence Superior Court.

The indictments included multiple counts of conspiracy, insurance fraud, solicitation of a felony, larceny, attempted larceny, commercial extortion, obtaining credit by false pretense, as well as single charges for attempted extortion, assault and perjury.

Judge Patrick J. Riley placed him on 10 years of straight probation. Hurley agreed to pay \$750 on a monthly basis until both the restitution and fine

Timothy J. Malik maintained Hurley fabricated or exaggerated injuries, falsified employment to recover lost wages and falsely claimed disability from 1995 to 2000. Tracy Hurley, a Lynnfield teacher's aide, allegedly acted with her husband on some of the claims.

In June 1998, Jeffrey Hurley threatened a doctor who didn't corroborate an injury. He also filed a false claim for a diamond he said was lost, appraised at \$16,500, and also falsified income on credit applications for his home and for automobiles he and his wife drove. Malik said a jail sentence of at least 3 years was appropriate and recommended \$80,000 in restitution.

Defense lawyer Fred B. McAlary of Andover urged the court to be lenient, proposing a 5-year probation period, while suggesting half the restitution. One charge of larceny over \$250 involving property of

The insurance companies cheated by Hurley include the Holyoke Mutual Insurance Co., CNA Insurance Company, Concord General Mutual Insurance Co., Metropolitan Property and Casualty Insurance Co., Preferred Mutual Insurance Co., People's Service Insurance Co., Plymouth Rock Assurance Co., Safety Insurance Co., Trust Insurance Co., The Hartford, Hanover Insurance Co., American General Assurance Co. and Dedham and Norfolk Insurance Co. In addition to insurance companies, several banks and credit providers were also victims.

Jeffrey Hurley became well known several years ago when he filed a lawsuit against the boyfriend of television personality Oprah Winfrey, alleging he was assaulted by Stedman Graham outside a Chicago television studio. Prosecutors in Attorney General Thomas F. Riley's insurance and unem-

the conditions she could face up to 10 years in jail.

"The crime was very serious. The consequences could have been catastrophic. I suspect Miss Hooks did not look that far down the road," Whitehead said.

Under the terms of her probation, Hooks agreed not to go within 500 feet of 376 Washington St. She also agreed to report three times a week to the probation department, once a week in person, have random alcohol and drug tests, receive mental health and substance abuse treatment, take all her medications as directed, and remain employed unless physically unable.

Hooks, the mother of six children, had been in default on the case for a period of time.

She also was ordered to pay \$90 for the victim witness fee.

Whitehead retained jurisdiction over her case.

One of the major recommendations made was to improve the maintenance of the building.

The report suggested providing adequate custodial and maintenance staff and services, as well as implementing a procedure that more effectively handles maintenance requests. Fila said maintenance requests must be made through central administration, which is problematic.

"The principal is not in control of it, which is an area of great concern to me personally because it doesn't work," he said. "The principal is not in control of bumping and bidding, the principal is not in control of maintenance, the principal is not in control of the secretaries, the principal is not in control of the cafeteria