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Jail term assessed in school assault

LIBERTY – An 18-year-old woman has been sentenced to three years in prison for a May 8 assault at Excelsior Springs High School says Clay County Prosecutor Daniel White.

Anna V. Aldana, who listed an address in the 100 block of Myrtle Avenue, Excelsior Springs, was sentenced Thursday (Sept. 21) to three years in prison for assaulting a student in the high school commons. Judge Michael J. Maloney denied probation said the prosecutor.

“This was a serious offense,” said White. “The victim suffered a closed head injury and briefly lost consciousness due to the assault. She now has a scar over her left eye. The victim told authorities she never had a chance to defend herself; that’s probably one reason why she had significant injuries.”

White said an assault on school property “is a very serious thing.”

“These are bad facts. We’re talking about an adult woman who ambushes and pummels another student,” said the prosecutor. “There’s no way one can concoct a series of excuses to pardon such ugly behavior.”

According to police reports, Aldana shouted an epithet at the victim while the two young women were in the commons area at Excelsior Springs High School. She then struck the young woman with a closed fist causing the victim to drop to the floor. Aldana then straddled the victim’s torso and struck her repeatedly in the fact with a closed fist. As a teacher was pulling Aldana away, Aldana kicked the victim in the face twice. She then fled the high school on foot.

Aldana was quickly identified and police discovered that Aldana had posted information about the assault on teen website Xanga.

Part of the post, dated May 8, says: “Sooo I guess I'm going to Jail I beat (the victim) today at school.”

The last entry on the Xanga site is dated May 22; the date charges were filed. Aldana pled guilty to the charge of assault on school property Aug. 3.

White said the case shows the priority authorities put on school safety.

“Safety in school should be our number one priority,” said White.

White praised Excelsior Springs police and school officials for doing an “an excellent job” in putting together a criminal case.

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