

# WOMAN BADLY BEATEN AND YOUNG SON ASSAULTED

## VIOLENT BEHAVIOUR GOING ON FOR AT LEAST 15 MONTHS

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In addition to cuts, bruises, scrapes, soreness and a fracture that needs major reconstructive surgery, a Georgetown woman's face has been "permanently disfigured."

These are just some of the examples of the trauma endured over a 15-month period in which her common-law partner, identified in court documents as 25-year-old Anand Dindyal, assaulted her repeatedly in attacks that included using a coffee mug and breakfast plate as weapons, and another incident in which "he picked her up and threw her face-first

into the couch." Superior Court Justice Michael Gibson said in his ruling.

"This is a domestic abuse case that involves a sustained pattern of violence committed against an intimate partner," Gibson said.

Dindyal was convicted of six counts of assault, two counts of assault with a weapon, one count of aggravated assault, and one count of mischief in relation to his common-law partner, and also of one count of assault in relation to her young son, now seven years of age.

As a result of the assaults, the woman has suffered "permanent and life-altering injuries," the judge said, adding the attacks took place between June 2016 and September 2017.

Both Dindyal and the victim described their rela-

tionship while together as "unhealthy," with frequent arguments and excessive drinking.

"It is evident that during the relationship Anand Dindyal displayed frequent anger management issues, impulsiveness, aggression and violent behavior," the judge said.

A victim impact statement read by the victim detailed the significant physical, psychological and emotional impact that the assaults have had on her, as well as the "continuing effects" upon her son.

These include, the judge wrote, lingering and permanent pain issues associated with the injury to her facial orbital bone, and on her self-confidence and ability to trust others and to enter into other relationships.

Court heard Dindyal

assaulted the young boy in August 2017 when he became fussy while getting a haircut at home.

"Anand grabbed (child) by the hair, hoisted his posterior off the stool, and shaved down the middle of his head" and "nicked" his ear, the ruling states.

The woman said her son was "terrified."

Many of the assaults on the mother and son were committed in their home, in the area of Main Street South and Maple Avenue,

"a location where they would have expected to feel the safest," Gibson added.

Crown prosecutor Michael Godinho wanted the judge to impose a jail sentence of more than five years, while defence lawyer Sweta Tejpal wanted a suspended sentence.

The judge sent Dindyal to jail, but for "two years less a day," meaning the convicted man doesn't go to a federal prison.

The judge said he needed to balance the prospects

of rehabilitation along with deterring future incidents from occurring.

"The evidence indicates that Mr. Dindyal lacked maturity and insight into how to appropriately be in an intimate domestic relationship with another person," the judge said. "A penitentiary sentence is unlikely to make him a better person, or to foster the development of such insight. Specific deterrence is a very important consideration here."

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