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Man arrested for violent and sexual offenses



Fredrick Cotton

On April 15th, 2023, Officers were contacted by a victim fleeing from a person that had reportedly been beaten and sexually assaulted by a known offender.

Through the findings of the investigation, detectives arrested Fredrick Cotton (08/3/73) for one count of domestic abuse battery with serious bodily injuries, one count of domestic abuse battery with burning, and one count of second-degree sexual battery.

Cotton reportedly beat the victim with a belt, stomped and punched her head and genitals, and burnt the victim multiple places with a cigarette. The victim was transported to a local area hospital.

Second-degree sexual battery is the intentional engaging in any of the following acts with another person when the offender intentionally inflicts serious bodily injury on the victim:

- (1) The touching of the anus or genitals of the victim by the offender using any instrumentality or any part of the body of the offender, directly or through clothing.
- (2) The touching of the anus or genitals of the offender by the victim using any instrumentality or any part of the body of the victim, directly or through clothing.

All persons are innocent until proven guilty.