

Agnihotri Assault Case with Disposition 11/16/18

SLAP AND PUNCH YOUR WIFE OVER TWO DOZENS TIMES, PULL PATCHES OF HER HAIR OUT, GET ON TOP OF HER AND PUNCH HER, GO INTO A BEDROOM AND START BEATING HER WITH A GOLF CLUB. WHAT ARE THE PENALTIES?

Well if you hire “drunk driver” and criminal defense attorney Scott Rosenblum you have apparently committed a minor misdemeanor that has a \$500 fine.

If you don't remember this case, a little over two years ago we wrote this up. Here is a review. On July 4, 2016 at 3:36 in the morning, Dr. Vivek Agnihotri, a psychiatrist, assaulted his wife Zina Thomas, also a psychiatrist who shared offices with her then husband. He slapped her about 15 times, threw her on a couch and punched, ripped out some hair and after she fled to a bedroom he followed and beat her with a golf club. She managed to run to street in front of their home at 21 Huntleigh Woods Drive in the exclusive Village of Huntleigh where she used a cell phone to call the Frontenac Police.

From the police report here is Dr. Thomas' statement of what happened.



Dr. Zina Thomas

Thomas' statement was then obtained by Corporal Murray and Sergeant Barnett. Thomas advised that she was sitting at her computer doing research when Agnihotri came up to her and began asking her questions.

Agnihotri then told her to stop doing research and get a massage from him. Thomas advised Agnihotri that she did not want a massage from him, and he slapped her in the face with an open hand approximately fifteen times. Agnihotri then scratched her face while trying to grab her tongue and threw her onto the couch. Agnihotri then got on top of Thomas and started slapping her some more. Thomas stated that he then obtained a toy rubber band gun from another room and began rubbing it on her body in a sexual way. He then pushed her down, causing her hair clip to break, and pulled out chunks of her hair. Thomas said Agnihotri then followed her into the master bathroom, obtained a golf club, and then struck her repeatedly across her arms. He then threatened to drown her in the bathtub and when she was able to temporarily reason with him, she ran out the back door and called this department. Thomas completed a written statement. The written statement, along with the golf club used in the assault, were seized and later placed into evidence.

Dr. Agnihotri gave a much shorter statement to the police and then declined to say anything further.



We were able to make contact with Agnihotri at the rear of the residence. Agnihotri smelled of an intoxicating beverage, but advised he had not had anything to drink in a couple of hours. Agnihotri stated that he and his wife have recently been having marital problems because they have grown apart. Agnihotri said they have been verbally arguing for the past couple hours. Agnihotri stated that they had pushed each other when they first started arguing, but there had been no further physical contact.

Agnihotri was arrested that night and charged with Felony Assault with charges filed that same day on July 4th.

Within three weeks of the assault Dr. Thomas filed for divorce. It was granted on 11/15/17.

Their house at 21 Huntleigh Woods was put on the market and sold on 01/11/18 for \$1,510,000.



Their shared office in Frontenac is not more and they have separate offices in Creve Coeur. The India natives are graduates of Yale and attended medical school in the Caribbean .

AND NOW FOR THE OUTCOME: Agnihotri hired Scott Rosenblum, both a drunk driver and an expensive criminal defense attorney. Apparently Roseblum was able to convince the County Prosecutor's staff that slapping your wife, then punching her and then beating her with a golf club was just a minor offense.

On May 25, 2018 Agnihotri pled guilty to an amended charge from felony to misdemeanor Domestic Assault. On August 16, 2018 he was fined \$500 by Judge Kristine Kerr, who thinks punches, slaps and a beating with a golf club only deserves a cash fine.

16SL-CR04889-01 - ST V VIVEK AGNIHOTRI

Judge/Commissioner Assigned: KERR, KRISTINE A

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Domestic Assault - 3rd Degree - 1st/2nd Offense { *Misdemeanor A RSMo: 565.074* }

Disposition: *Guilty Plea - 05/25/2018*

Arresting Agency: FRONTENAC PD

Sentence: Fine

Sentence Date: 08/16/2018

Fine: \$500.00

Now the green fees at Pebble Beach are \$525 plus \$44 a person cart fee or a \$92 caddie fee. So you pay less to beat your wife in Huntleigh Village with your golf club than to play Pebble Beach.

