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## PRESS RELEASE

William Eddins, State Attorney for the First Judicial Circuit, announced today that Vaughn Nicholas Pottle has been sentenced to 2 years prison followed by 3 years probation on the charges of Domestic Violence Battery by Strangulation and Battery.

Pottle was convicted in October after a jury trial. The charges arose from an incident which occurred on December 15, 2013 in Pottle's residence in Baker. Pottle and his fiancée became involved in an argument and the Victim locked herself in her son's bedroom to avoid further argument. Pottle kicked open the door and the argument continued in the living room where Pottle then grabbed the Victim in a choke hold and choked the Victim until she was rendered unconscious. Pottle fled the residence before law enforcement arrived.

Special conditions of the probation include mental health treatment, no contact with the Victim and no consumption of alcohol.

The sentence was imposed by Circuit Judge Michael Flowers. The case was prosecuted by Assistant State Attorney Kimberly Torres. The Okaloosa County Sheriff's Department conducted the investigation and arrest.

Any questions may be directed to Assistant State Attorney Kimberly Torres at (850) 689-5620.