

Life term given in abuse of woman, 95

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A man with an extensive criminal history was sentenced Thursday to life plus 30 years in prison for assaulting and battering a 95-year-old Tulsa woman and burglarizing her home.

Danny Ray Wilson, 52, of Tulsa pleaded no contest in April to two felonies - first-degree burglary and aggravated assault and battery.

He did not have an agreement with prosecutors regarding his punishment.

District Judge William Kellough imposed a life term for the assault and battery and a consecutive 30-year term for the burglary.

Wilson broke into a home in the 4000 block of South Zenith Avenue on Aug. 29, police reported. He went into a bedroom where Sylvia Vowell was asleep and struck her in the head and body, police said.

Assistant District Attorney Jack Thorp said Wilson "viciously beat her" with his fists while she was in bed, breaking bones in her face.

According to a Department of Corrections background report on Wilson, Vowell "stated that she has to live with the broken bones in her face because she is too old and weak to have surgery."

Regarding the punches to her face, she said it "hurt so much I felt I would die," the report says.

Wilson stole property, including money and a BB gun, and left on foot.

When he was arrested after being spotted walking a couple of blocks away, he was carrying a BB gun that matched the description of the gun the victim said had been taken, police reported.

When asked for his version of events for the Department of Corrections background report, Wilson replied that he "can't remember because I was passed out," that report says.

Wilson indicated that he was heavily under the influence of alcohol and had smoked crack cocaine before the offense, the report says.

Thorp said Wilson has 14 previous felony convictions, including five for burglary.

The other nine are for unauthorized use of a vehicle, larceny of merchandise from a retailer, making a false declaration of ownership in a pawn action, concealing stolen property, robbery, a drug offense, and three for possessing a firearm as a felon, records indicate.

Wilson has been in the Tulsa Jail since Aug. 29.

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