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Stabbing Leads to Lengthy Prison Sentence

On September 16, 2026, James Christopher Hinson, age 47, pled guilty to Assault with a Deadly Weapon with Intent to Kill Inflicting Serious Injury. Superior Court Judge Ricardo Jensen sentenced Hinson to 117-154 months of imprisonment.

In the evening hours of March 30, 2026, Hinson strangled and stabbed his girlfriend. The victim suffered stab wounds to her head, ear, hand, and thigh, and numerous bruises and abrasions throughout her body. She was hospitalized as a result of this assault.

Hinson fled after the assault. A search for Hinson required numerous members of the New Hanover County Sheriff's office, drones, and K-9. Hinson was located hiding underneath the back deck of a house nearby. Hinson's hands were covered in dried blood, and a knife covered in blood was found in his pocket.

Hinson was previously prosecuted and incarcerated for assaulting this same victim, and had been released just days prior to this incident. He has an extensive violent criminal history dating to the late 1990's that includes twenty assault-related convictions.

"My office prioritizes Domestic Violence cases and works tirelessly with community and law enforcement partners to combat these offenses," said District Attorney Jason W. Smith. "We will continue to focus our efforts to hold offenders accountable to the fullest extent of the law."



James Christopher Hinson