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## Town man, 88, sentenced for hammer assault

Martin Turkiewicz of Cheektowaga has been sentenced by Erie County Court Judge Kenneth Case to six months in jail plus five years of probation after attacking his wife with a hammer last fall, according to Erie County District Attorney John J. Flynn.

Turkiewicz was charged following an incident on Sept. 9, 2017, at the Garden Gate Health Care Facility, 2365 Union Road, Cheektowaga, after he struck his wife in the head with a hammer several times, causing serious injuries.

Last November, Turkiewicz pleaded guilty to second-degree assault. The victim, 87-year-old Rita Turkiewicz, has recovered from her injuries and remains a resident at Garden Gate.

Turkiewicz was issued an order of protection but will be permitted to have supervised visits with his wife.

Flynn commended the Cheektowaga Police Department, including Lt. Kenneth Rusin and Detectives Terence Griffin and James Jenson, for its investigative work.

Assistant District Attorney Danielle D'Abate prosecuted the case.

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