

Bride appears in court with man arrested on wedding day

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ASOTIN - A wedding day that ended in a double arrest last month didn't stop the bride from standing behind her husband in Asotin County Superior Court Monday.

Nathen E. Lewis, 21, of Lewiston, was arrested for drunk and disorderly conduct in Lewiston after he got married on Valentine's Day. After he was bailed out of jail, Lewis went to a Clarkston home on 24th Avenue, but left after stopping his mother from calling the police on him because he was "out of control," according to court records.

His mother was able to push a life-alert button, but then another call was made to police by his wife Rebecca Lewis who reported being slapped and choked twice by her husband - who blamed her for his earlier arrest, according to court records. Lewis was rearrested around 2 a.m. on Feb. 15, this time by Asotin County deputies.

Lewis was initially charged in Asotin County Superior Court with one count of second-degree assault and interfering with a report of domestic violence, but took a plea agreement on Monday and was released from the Asotin County Jail.

Under the plea agreement, Lewis' second-degree assault charge was lowered to third-degree assault. He also agreed to plead guilty to a charge of interfering with a report of domestic violence, and deputy prosecutor Curt Liedkie recommended Lewis be sentenced as a first-time offender under Washington state law.

Superior Court Judge William Acey followed the recommendation, sentencing Lewis for time served plus 30 days, which were converted to 240 hours of community service. A one-year sentence for the charge of interfering with a report of domestic violence was suspended and will not take effect if Lewis successfully completes two years of probation.

"You will always have the compulsion to drink to obliteration," Acey warned Lewis before addressing his wife. "If he falls off the wagon, I need your promise to immediately dial 911."

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