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Hinds County District Attorney Robert Shuler Smith announced the conviction of Henry Watson, 43, of 4901 McWillie Circle, Jackson, MS. Mr. Watson pleaded guilty on September 3, 2008, to the charge of Aggravated Assault and now faces a maximum sentence of twenty years. On March 4, 2007, Watson entered the parking lot of a northwest Jackson shopping center and stabbed his estranged wife at least 30 times then attempted to set her on fire. A concerned citizen stepped in and forced Watson away from her.

The bystander then held Watson at gun point until the police arrived. The victim continues in her recovery.

District Attorney Smith stated: "I refused to offer this man a plea bargain and I am now asking for the maximum sentence, Mr. Watson should be taken out of society."