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## **Boardman man gets six-year prison term in shooting**



Dennis J. Sklenchar Jr., 31, of Southern Boulevard, Boardman, received a composite six-year prison term after being convicted of charges of attempted felonious assault with a mandatory three-year firearm specification, having weapons while under disability, tampering with evidence and carrying concealed weapons.

The case involved a shooting on March 21, 2025, at a bus stop near the busy intersection of Belmont Avenue and Gypsy Lane in Liberty Township.

A bullet went through the jacket of a man waiting for a bus, narrowly missing him. Liberty detectives found that Sklenchar had fired a Sig Sauer 9 mm semiautomatic pistol.

After the shooting, evidence showed Sklenchar picked up the shell casing and fled the scene to his home nearby in Youngstown. Sklenchar is prohibited from possessing firearms because of a 2013 drug trafficking conviction in Mahoning County.

Judge Ronald J. Rice, in rejecting the defense's position of leniency, stated the case was very serious and that the victim was inches away from being killed.

"What is even more important is that you were prohibited from carrying a gun, and you ignored that fact," Judge Rice told Sklenchar in pronouncing sentence.

The case was prosecuted by Senior Assistant Michael Burnett of The Trumbull County's Prosecutor's Office.

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