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Bay Shore couple convicted of endangering children and ignoring orders of protection

After less than a day's deliberations, a Suffolk County jury has convicted a Bay Shore couple of criminal contempt in the first degree and endangering charges for ignoring orders of protection issued by a Family Court Judge on behalf of two children.

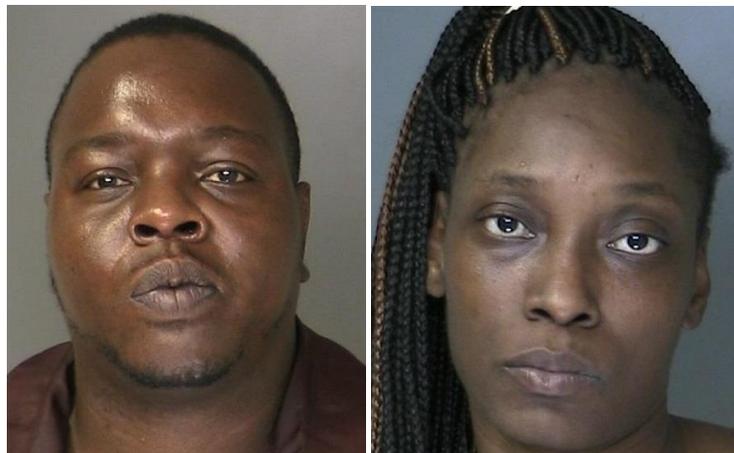
Herbie White, 39, on three separate occasions violated the court orders by punching one child in March of 2015) and threatening both children in May and June of last year. The children are the niece and nephew of White's wife, Tyeesha Booker, 38, who was found guilty of two charges of endangering the welfare of a child.

White was also found guilty of criminal contempt charges for violating the "no contact" orders of protection by being in the children's presence in November of 2014, and guilty of three counts of endangering the welfare of both children for physically, verbally and emotionally abusing them from June of 2013 to June of 2015.

The trial in Riverhead began on September 27 and concluded yesterday. Deliberations began this morning and the verdicts were returned around 2:30 today.

Judge Timothy Mazzei remanded White to the county jail pending sentencing on November 7.

Ms. Booker is out on bail will be sentenced the same day.



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