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Dix Hills man receives sentence of up to 40 years for attack on family members

The Dix Hills man convicted last month of manslaughter for the strangulation of his brother and assault for the near-fatal beating of his mother will spend up to 40 years in an upstate correctional facility, District Attorney Thomas Spota said.

Charles Okonkwo Jr., 21, was convicted of manslaughter in the second degree for his brother's death and assault in the first degree for the attack on his mother in their Norman Court home in June of 2014. The jury found Okonkwo not guilty of murder in the second degree after a two week trial in Riverhead last month.

Jurors deliberated for four hours over two days before returning the verdict.

State Supreme Court Justice Mark Cohen sentenced the defendant to 25 years for the assault and five to fifteen years in prison for the manslaughter conviction; the sentences to be served consecutively.

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