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## Verdict in McDonald's melee trial

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CLEVELAND, OH (WOIO) - County Prosecutor Bill Mason announced that after a five day trial a jury returned its verdict against Stacey Matthews.

The jury found Matthews guilty of six counts of felonious assault. A sentencing date is currently pending.

On April 19, 2011, Matthews, 23, of Cleveland, recruited co-defendant Cedrica Johnson, 24, of East Cleveland, to help her confront two females ages 17 and 19, both of whom were waiting in line to interview for a position at McDonald's.

After Matthews drove to the McDonald's, Johnson exited the vehicle, and threatened the victims with scissors. Both Matthews and Johnson began a confrontation where a fight ensued with the victims. McDonald's employees attempted to break up the confrontation when Matthews got into her car, reversed it and struck five victims, including the owner of the McDonald's.

Both Matthews and Johnson fled the area in Matthews' car. Cleveland Police located the car near East 107<sup>th</sup> Street and St. Clair. Johnson was present and arrested. Matthews fled and eventually turned herself in to Cleveland Police.

On December 22, 2011, after a bench trial, Judge Robert McClelland found Johnson guilty of assault, a misdemeanor of the first degree, for her participation in the incident. A sentencing date is currently pending.

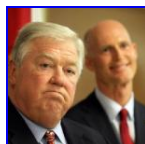
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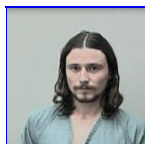
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