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Hingham man admits he bit off parts of two ears after angry Facebook spat.

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A Hingham 20-year old is headed to jail after admitting that he bit off parts of both ears of a man with whom he had traded angry Facebook messages, according to Norfolk District Attorney Michael W. Morrissey.

In the days before November 21, 2009 Andrew J. MacDonald, DOB 5-28-90, of Grove Street in Hingham had exchanged several angry Facebook messages with another young male in which each called the other names.

On Nov. 21, the victim arrived at the McDonalds hamburger restaurant on Bridge Street in Weymouth to meet some friends; with his friends was the defendant.

After exiting his vehicle, the victim and the defendant began yelling at and punching one another. In the course of the fight, MacDonald grabbed the victim in a bear hug and bit his upper right ear off and spit the piece of ear out onto the pavement. As the fight continued, the defendant was again able to put the victim in a bear hug, at which time he bit off the lower portion of the victim's left earlobe. The defendant then spit that piece of ear out on the pavement as well.

A friend of the victim collected the two bitten pieces of ears from the ground and transported the victim to the hospital for treatment.

After being advised of his Miranda rights, MacDonald admitted to police that he had bitten portions of both of the victim's ears off and spit them on the pavement.

“Mr. MacDonald was indicted on two counts of Mayhem and pled guilty on both counts. Assistant District Attorney Peggy Krippendorf asked for a sentence of two and a half years in the house of correction, with six months to serve and the balance suspended for three years,” District Attorney Morrissey said. “Judge Kenneth Fishman ordered 2 years house of correction with sixty days to serve and the balance suspended.”

The Commonwealth also asked Fishman to order a mental health evaluation and treatment and substance abuse evaluation and treatment for MacDonald, as well as a no-contact order from the victim and a letter of apology to the victim. The judge ordered that MacDonald continue with his current mental health treatment and granted the stay-away order and ordered the letter of apology, according to District Attorney Morrissey.

Any and all defendants mentioned are legally innocent until proven guilty.