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**Statement from District Attorney Shannon Wallace**  
**State vs. Robert Aaron Long**

**March 18, 2021** – On March 16, 2021, five victims were shot at Young’s Massage Parlor in Cherokee County, with only one victim surviving. Four more people were shot and killed in Atlanta.

Our hearts are broken for the families and friends of all of these victims who were senselessly taken by this attack. Cherokee County has been rocked by the vicious attack on these victims, and while the apprehension of Robert Long ended this siege, much work on the investigation and prosecution remains ahead.

The District Attorney’s Office is committed to prosecuting crimes, protecting our residents, and seeking justice for all crime victims in Cherokee County.

As we work to bring justice for these victims, we are acutely aware of the feelings of terror being experienced in the Asian-American community. We hear your concerns and want it to be known that these victims will receive the very best efforts of this office. We anticipate beginning to meet with the impacted families in the near future, and earn their trust, as we continue to develop our case against the defendant.

During an ongoing investigation and prosecution, our Office cannot answer specific questions about the facts of the case. You can be assured that once this case has been thoroughly investigated and the facts all ascertained, we will charge the defendant appropriately based on the evidence in this case and the existing laws. We will prosecute this case to the fullest extent of the law.

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