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Cherokee County man sentenced to 10 years, 3 to serve for terroristic threats State vs. Phillip Joshua Lollie

December 16, 2019 – District Attorney Shannon Wallace announces that Phillip Joshua Lollie, 31, entered a plea of guilty and was sentenced on December 11 for three counts of terroristic threats that were directed at his exgirlfriend in Canton.

In 2018, Lollie harassed the victim repeatedly by phone and email, threatening to kill her, as well as members of her family. Lollie was extradited from Florida earlier this year on outstanding warrants of harassing communications and terroristic threats.

"After the victim tried to end a brief relationship with the defendant, the harassment started," said Deputy Chief Assistant District Attorney Jennifer Gower Side, who prosecuted the case on behalf of the State. "Mr. Lollie stalked the victim, tracked her movements by phone, showed up at her home unannounced, and called and emailed relentlessly. Mr. Lollie, in one of the e-mails to the victim, said he wanted to kill her – that it was not a threat, it was a promise. The victim was afraid for her life."

The State recommended a sentence of 15 years, with the first 5 years to be served in confinement. After listening to victim impact statements and defense testimony, Chief Judge Ellen McElyea sentenced Lollie to 10 years with the first 3 years to be served in confinement. Judge McElyea also imposed a permanent protective order to protect the victim and others involved in the case.

During probation, the defendant is banned from the state of Georgia except Seminole County and is required to complete the Family Violence Intervention Program. He must also undergo mental health and substance abuse evaluations and comply with any course of recommended treatment.

"The end of a relationship should never lead to stalking, harassment, and threats," said Cherokee County District Attorney Shannon Wallace. "This victim has had to live in fear for far too long. This sentence should provide closure and, hopefully, help her to heal and move on with her life knowing that Mr. Lollie is in a place where he can no longer hurt her."

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