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**Jury Convicts Man of 2013 Armed Robbery of Canton Jewelry Store**  
**State vs. Erin Stephon Arms**

**December 8, 2023** – District Attorney Susan K. Treadaway announces that on December 8, 2023, a Cherokee County jury deliberated for one day before convicting Erin Stephon Arms, 39, of armed robbery of a Canton jewelry store in 2013. Superior Court Judge David Cannon announced that sentencing would be set at a later date.

The armed robbery occurred on November 22, 2013, after Arms entered the Cartersville Jewelry Exchange on Riverstone Parkway, wearing a mask, gloves, and a red Alabama sweatshirt. Once inside the store, Arms pointed a gun at two employees and ordered them to get on the floor. Arms then fled the scene in a Ford truck with more than \$50,000 worth of jewelry.

A Good Samaritan observed as Arms discarded his red sweatshirt and gloves on an on-ramp to I-575. Law enforcement collected the clothing, which contained DNA evidence linking Arms to the robbery. A gun was also recovered near where the truck was abandoned before Arms fled in another vehicle.

During the trial, 12 witnesses testified for the State and more than 80 exhibits were presented, including surveillance video of the robbery, DNA evidence, and the firearm.

The case was investigated by the Cherokee Sheriff's Office and the Canton Police Department. It was prosecuted by Deputy Chief Assistant District Attorney Geoffrey L. Fogus and Assistant District Attorney Rebecca Visockis, Office of the District Attorney, Blue Ridge Judicial Circuit.

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