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Notice of Conviction

Cherokee County Jury Finds Man Guilty of Crimes in Road Rage Shooting
State vs. Wade Anthony McEwen

January 30, 2024 – District Attorney Susan K. Treadaway announces that, today, a Cherokee County jury found Wade Anthony McEwen, 63, of Acworth, guilty of aggravated battery (2 counts), aggravated assault, possession of a firearm during the commission of a felony (4 counts), terroristic acts, reckless conduct (7 counts), and aggressive driving.

McEwen was charged with these crimes after a Cherokee Sheriff's Office investigation of a road rage shooting that occurred on June 30, 2022, at the intersection of Woodstock Road and Highway 92 near CVS Pharmacy in the Acworth area of Cherokee County.

The investigation determined that, while McEwen was stopped at a red light, he pulled out a Glock .45 caliber handgun and began shooting at the driver of a BMW car in the lane to his left. The defendant shot 14 rounds into the side and back of the victim's car. The driver of the BMW tried to escape the gunfire by cutting across the highway median, coming to a stop in front of Lummus Supply, where passersby rendered aid. The victim was shot numerous times in his arm, side, and back. His injuries required emergency medical care and surgery.

McEwen told law enforcement that he acted in self-defense, claiming that the victim had pointed a gun at him.

During the seven-day trial, 22 witnesses testified for the State. The State also presented nearly 300 exhibits as evidence, including the defendant's handgun, video provided by witnesses, surveillance video, and photos of the victim's injuries and car. The jury deliberated for two days before finding the defendant guilty of 14 charges.

The case was investigated by the Cherokee Sheriff's Office and prosecuted by Deputy Chief Assistant District Attorney Geoffrey L. Fogus, with the assistance of Assistant District Attorney Elizabeth Mackey, Office of the District Attorney, Blue Ridge Judicial Circuit.

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