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Notice of Conviction
Jury Convicts Man of Family Violence Aggravated Assault
State vs. Morris Michael McCoy

February 16, 2024 – District Attorney Susan K. Treadaway announces that on February 15, 2024, a Cherokee County jury convicted Morris Michael McCoy, 45, of family violence aggravated assault and cruelty to children in the third degree (2 counts), following a one-day trial.

Charges stem from a strangulation that occurred in Canton on April 30, 2023, in the Walmart parking lot on Riverstone Parkway. Canton Police Department responded to the scene after a witness reported that a man was strangling a woman outside a parked black SUV.

The police investigation determined that the defendant and the woman had gone grocery shopping at Walmart with two children. While shopping, they began to argue. The argument continued in the parking lot where it became more volatile. After the couple loaded groceries into the SUV, McCoy climbed into the passenger seat. The woman told McCoy to get out of her car and smacked him in the back of the head. McCoy then pinned her against the car and began strangling her. The children witnessed the assault.

After hearing testimony from a total of eight witnesses, the jury deliberated for three hours before finding the defendant guilty of all charges. Superior Court Judge Shannon Wallace is expected to sentence McCoy later this month.

The case was investigated by the Canton Police Department and prosecuted by Deputy Chief Assistant District Attorney Rachel Ashe, of the Domestic Violence Unit, Office of the District Attorney, Blue Ridge Judicial Circuit.

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