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Jury Convicts Canton Man of Possession of Sawed-Off Shotgun
State vs. Matthew Miller

August 23, 2024 – District Attorney Susan K. Treadaway announces that on Friday, August 23, a Cherokee County jury convicted Matthew Miller, 35, of possession of a sawed-off shotgun.

The jury deliberated for over three hours before announcing its verdict, following a three-day trial in Superior Court Judge David Cannon Jr.'s courtroom. Sentencing will be set on a later date.

Cherokee Sheriff's Office first became aware of these charges on May 26, 2023, after being asked to assist the Sandy Springs Police Department in executing a search warrant of a Canton home, where Miller lived with his girlfriend.

While in the home, detectives located a loaded shotgun with a sawed-off barrel that was illegally modified by being cut to a length shorter than allowed by law. The shotgun had one round in the chamber and five in the magazine tube.

During the trial, the State called five witnesses to the stand, including responding deputies, detectives with the Sandy Springs Police Department, and the defendant's girlfriend. Exhibits presented included bodycam videos, scene photos, the shotgun, and ammunition.

The case was investigated by the Cherokee Sheriff's Office and prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Tyler Sims, with the assistance of Assistant District Attorney Elliot Stone, Office of the District Attorney, Blue Ridge Judicial Circuit.

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