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After Stabbing Conviction, Acworth Woman to Serve 10 Years in Prison without Parole
State vs. Antawana Nitara Brantley

December 5, 2024 – District Attorney Susan K. Treadaway announces that on December 5, Antawana Nitara Brantley, 48, of Acworth, was sentenced to 20 years, with the first 10 years to serve in prison, followed by 10 years on probation.

On October 3, a Cherokee County jury found Brantley guilty of family violence aggravated assault.

Brantley was arrested and charged with these crimes following a Cherokee Sheriff's Office investigation that began on November 20, 2023, when deputies responded to 911 calls reporting a stabbing at an apartment complex near Bells Ferry Road.

The investigation determined that Brantley used a kitchen knife to stab a female relative who lived in the same apartment. The stabbing occurred after a verbal argument with the victim and another individual.

During the sentencing hearing, the State presented evidence that Brantley is a recidivist offender with at least three prior felony convictions, including a previous stabbing that occurred in Michigan.

"On November 20, 2023, this defendant lost control and brutally stabbed her own relative. Had another individual not intervened, the stabbing could very well have been fatal," said Assistant District Attorney Pete Lamb, who prosecuted the case on behalf of the State. "During the trial, jurors viewed disturbing crime scene photos and 911 calls before coming to the decision to convict this defendant."

At the conclusion of the hearing, Assisting Superior Court Judge Jennifer Davis sentenced the defendant as a recidivist offender pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 17-10-7(a) and (c). As a recidivist, Brantley must serve all 10 years in prison without the possibility of parole. She is also forbidden to have any contact with the victims.

"This defendant has a history of violent crimes and has proven to be a danger to society," said District Attorney Susan K. Treadaway. "This sentencing keeps her off our streets, for the protection of all citizens."

The case was investigated by the Cherokee Sheriff's Office and prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Pete Lamb and Assistant District Attorney Alana Driscoll, Office of the District Attorney, Blue Ridge Judicial Circuit.

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