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Notice of Conviction
Jury Finds Men Guilty of Burglary in the First Degree
State vs. Ewell Randolph Bush Jr. and William Shane Morgan

March 28, 2025 – District Attorney Susan K. Treadaway announces that on March 27, a Cherokee County jury found Ewell Randolph Bush Jr., 37, of Jasper, and William Shane Morgan, 36, of Canton, guilty of burglary in the first degree, following a three-day trial.

The charges stem from a burglary that occurred on August 16, 2023, at a home on Shoal Creek Road in Canton. The homeowner discovered the break-in around 4:30 p.m. when he returned from work. The intruders gained entry by breaking a glass window at the rear of the home.

Stolen items included a Smith & Wesson .44 Magnum revolver, Smith & Wesson AR-15 rifle, a Sig Sauer 9mm pistol, ammunition, six watches, a safe containing \$8,000 in cash, and landscaping equipment. Only the guns and landscaping equipment were recovered.

Canton Police Department identified the defendants through fingerprint evidence, items that were pawned at a local pawn shop, and texts, images, and other data extracted from the defendants' cell phones.

The trial took place from March 25-27 in the courtroom of Superior Court Judge Shannon Wallace. The State called eight witnesses to testify, including the victim, law enforcement officers, and an intelligence analyst who discussed the examination of the defendants' cell phone extractions. The State also presented more than 40 exhibits, including crime scene photos, surveillance video and other evidence from the pawn shop, and images and texts extracted from the defendants' cell phones.

The jury deliberated for about 20 minutes before finding each defendant guilty of burglary in the first degree, the only charge they faced at trial. Judge Wallace announced that sentencing would be scheduled for a later date.

A third defendant pled guilty on Dec. 11, 2024, to theft by receiving stolen property and was sentenced to 10 years of probation.

The case was investigated by the Canton Police Department, with assistance from the Cherokee Sheriff's Office. It was prosecuted by Deputy Chief Assistant District Attorney Damion Overstreet, of the Gang/Organized Crime Unit, with the assistance of Assistant District Attorney Lauren Deutsch, Office of the District Attorney, Blue Ridge Judicial Circuit.

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