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Notice of Sentencing
Man Convicted of Rape to Serve Life Plus 20 Years
State vs. Nicholas J. Mittenmeyer

May 2, 2025 – District Attorney Susan K. Treadaway announces that Superior Court Judge Shannon Wallace sentenced Nicholas J. Mittenmeyer, 45, of Woodstock, to serve life plus 20 years in prison, with sex offender special conditions, for rape, family violence aggravated assault, and false imprisonment. A Cherokee County jury convicted him of these charges following a five-day trial that ended on March 21.

The Cherokee Sheriff's Office began investigating these allegations when a woman reported that Mittenmeyer raped her in a Woodstock home in June 2023. She and the defendant were married at the time but living separately. She told investigators that when Mittenmeyer tried to pressure her into having sex, she declined his advances. He then forced himself on her, even when she said no and stop. After the rape, she recorded a conversation with Mittenmeyer in which he acknowledged his actions and apologized.

As part of the investigation, the victim provided additional evidence showing a pattern of domestic violence, including photos of injuries over the course of their relationship. She told investigators this was not the first time Mittenmeyer had raped her.

"The victim told us that Mittenmeyer raped her many times, but she did not report the crime at first because she did not believe that it was a crime for a man to rape his wife, and then because she did not think anyone would believe her," said Deputy Chief Assistant District Attorney Rachel Ashe, of the Domestic Violence Unit, who prosecuted this case on behalf of the State. "The evidence in this case showed that this defendant manipulates, controls, and mistreats others, especially women. Even after admitting to the rape in a recorded conversation, he continued to deny any wrongdoing and refused to be accountable for his actions. This survivor endured years of mistreatment. And, today, she finally received the justice she deserves."

At the sentencing, the State introduced additional evidence to show the defendant's moral character and lack of respect for the law. The victim also provided the court with a victim impact statement.

"The bruises on my skin have faded, but the scars left on my mind and heart are deeper and far more enduring. With Nicholas, I lived in fear every day – fear of his mood, fear of speaking freely, fear of the consequences if I tried to leave. Since I escaped that nightmare, I struggle to sleep. I live with overwhelming anxiety. My heart

paces every time I see a truck that looks like the one Nicholas drove,” she said during the sentencing hearing. “Despite it all, I am rebuilding. I am in therapy. I am surrounded by people who love me for who I am. I am slowly learning what it means to be free – to walk without fear, to speak without trembling, and to begin to feel safe again, especially in my own home.”

Two individuals spoke on behalf of the defendant, who delivered a statement professing his innocence.

At the conclusion of the hearing, Superior Court Judge Shannon Wallace sentenced the defendant to a total of life plus 20 years to serve in confinement. She also ordered no contact of any kind with the victim, payment of restitution, and sex offender special conditions.

“This sentence sends a clear message that our community will not tolerate sexual violence or domestic abuse,” said District Attorney Susan K. Treadaway. “I commend the bravery of the survivor, whose strength and courage brought the truth to light and helped hold this defendant accountable. Our office remains committed to seeking justice for victims and ensuring their voices are heard.”

The case was investigated by the Cherokee Sheriff’s Office and prosecuted by Deputy Chief Assistant District Attorney Rachel Ashe, of the Domestic Violence Unit, Office of the District Attorney, Blue Ridge Judicial Circuit.

The woman victimized in this case requested that we include details that we would normally have kept confidential. She has indicated that she wishes to share her story to build awareness and assist others who may have also experienced marital rape.

If you or someone you know is impacted by domestic violence, please contact the Cherokee Family Violence Center, CFVC.org, 770-479-1703 (24/7 crisis hotline). In case of an emergency, call 911.

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