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Notice of Conviction
Jury Convicts Woodstock Man of Kidnapping with Bodily Injury
State vs. Larry Ray Holt

May 23, 2025 – District Attorney Susan K. Treadaway announces that on May 22, a Cherokee County jury convicted Larry Ray Holt, 47, of Woodstock, on multiple charges related to a domestic violence incident, including kidnapping with bodily injury, family violence aggravated battery, family violence battery, cruelty to children in the third degree, and obstruction of an officer. The conviction followed three days of testimony in Superior Court Judge Shannon Wallace’s courtroom.

The charges stem from an investigation by the Cherokee Sheriff’s Office into a domestic dispute that occurred in the early morning hours of July 3, 2024. Deputies responded after a child in the home dialed 911 to report the incident.

When deputies arrived, Holt met them on the front porch. He denied that any physical altercation had occurred and claimed that everyone inside was asleep. However, through the open door, deputies observed a puddle of blood on the living room floor and entered the home due to signs of struggle. Once inside, they found a woman with visible injuries, as well as blood on her face and clothing. Cherokee Fire & Emergency Services treated the woman on scene before transporting her to Northside Cherokee Hospital, where she received care for multiple injuries, including a laceration above her right eye and numerous contusions and hematomas on her scalp.

Holt was arrested at the scene but resisted and failed to comply with the deputies.

The trial began with jury selection on May 16, followed by testimony on May 19-21. The State presented testimony from 10 witnesses, including the victim, 911 caller, forensic interviewer, domestic violence expert, crime scene technician, and law enforcement officers. The State also introduced more than 200 exhibits including photographs of the victim’s injuries, 911 audio recordings, and body camera footage from responding deputies.

During her testimony at trial, the victim stated that Holt punched, kicked, and dragged her multiple times. She said that at one point, he dragged her by her hair down the basement stairs against her will.

The Defense called one witness, the defendant, who testified that the victim’s injuries were sustained from an accidental fall.

The jury deliberated for nearly two days before returning guilty verdicts on five of the nine counts against Holt. Sentencing will be set at a later date.

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.

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