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Woodstock Man Sentenced to 50 Years, with 20 Years to Serve in Prison, for Brutal Family Violence
State vs. David Ray Graham

June 6, 2025 – District Attorney Susan K. Treadaway announces that on June 5, David Ray Graham, 38, of Woodstock, entered a negotiated guilty plea to multiple charges related to a domestic violence assault. Charges include family violence aggravated assault (2 counts), false imprisonment, family violence battery (3 counts), influencing a witness, and terroristic threats.

Superior Court Judge Jennifer L. Davis sentenced Graham to a total of 50 years, with the first 20 years to be served in prison and the remainder on probation.

Charges stem from a Cherokee Sheriff's Office investigation that began in March 2024 when deputies responded to Northside Cherokee Hospital after receiving a report that a woman had been physically assaulted inside a Woodstock residence. The victim, who was being treated at the hospital for visible injuries, told deputies that Graham repeatedly punched and kicked her, threatened her with a machete and hammer, and held her against her will inside the home.

"Evidence in this case showed that over the course of one terrifying night, this defendant subjected a woman to prolonged and brutal violence," said Deputy Chief Assistant District Attorney Rachel Ashe, who prosecuted this case on behalf of the State. "This was not an isolated incident. David Graham had abused this woman before, and this time he could have killed her. Even after his arrest, he continued the cycle of abuse by calling from jail to threaten her and pressure her to recant. This sentence holds him accountable and brings justice for the fear and harm he inflicted."

Special conditions of probation include no contact of any kind with the victim, participation in a family violence intervention program, evaluation and treatment for mental health and substance abuse, and community service.

"Domestic violence threatens the safety of all citizens and has no place in our community. For this reason, we remain steadfast in our commitment to pursuing justice for all who are affected," said District Attorney Susan K. Treadaway. "We commend the Cherokee Sheriff's Office and the staff at Northside Cherokee Hospital for their compassionate response to protect and support the woman assaulted by this defendant."

If you or someone you know is affected by domestic violence, support is available. Contact the Cherokee Family Violence Center at CFVC.org or call the 24/7 crisis hotline at 770-479-1703. In case of an emergency, please call 911.

This case was investigated by 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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