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*Notice of Sentencing*

**Life in Prison for Woodstock Man Convicted of Kidnapping with Bodily Injury and Other Charges**

**State vs. Larry Ray Holt**

**June 19, 2025** – District Attorney Susan K. Treadaway announces that on June 19 Superior Court Judge Shannon Wallace sentenced Larry Ray Holt, 47, of Woodstock, to life in prison with the possibility of parole.

A Cherokee County jury found Holt guilty on May 22 of kidnapping with bodily injury, family violence aggravated battery, family violence battery, cruelty to children in the third degree, and obstruction of an officer, following a trial in Superior Court Judge Shannon Wallace's courtroom.

These charges stem from a Cherokee Sheriff's Office investigation that began on July 3, 2024, after a child dialed 911 to report a domestic dispute.

When deputies arrived at the home, Holt claimed that there had been no physical altercation and that everyone in the home was asleep. However, deputies standing at the front door observed a puddle of blood on the living room floor, indicating a possible struggle. Upon entering the home, they found a woman with visible injuries, including a laceration above her right eye and multiple contusions and hematomas on her scalp.

"During the trial, the defendant attempted to downplay the violence inflicted that night, even suggesting the woman's injuries were due to an accidental fall," said Deputy Chief Assistant District Attorney Rachel Ashe, of the Domestic Violence Unit, who prosecuted this case on behalf of the State. "This was no accident. It was a brutal assault that left lasting trauma on both the victim and the child who witnessed it."

At the sentencing hearing on June 19, the State recommended a life sentence. Judge Wallace agreed and sentenced Holt to life in prison, with eligibility for parole after 30 years in custody.

"This case is a sobering reminder of the devastating impact of domestic violence – not only on victims, but also on children who witness these crimes," said District Attorney Susan K. Treadaway. "Thanks to the bravery of a child who called 911, as well as the diligence of law enforcement and our Domestic Violence Unit, justice was served. Our Office remains committed to holding abusers accountable and ensuring the safety of survivors and their families."

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.

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.

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