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Notice of Sentencing

35 Years in Prison for Lithonia Man Convicted of 2024 Shooting at Lake Allatoona
State vs. Gregory Eugene Hall Jr.

July 17, 2025 – District Attorney Susan K. Treadaway announces that, on July 17, Superior Court Judge Jennifer L. Davis sentenced Gregory Eugene Hall Jr., 44, of Lithonia, to 35 years to serve in prison, following his conviction for a 2024 shooting at Lake Allatoona.

Previously, on June 26, a Cherokee County jury found Hall guilty on all charges he faced at trial, including aggravated assault, aggravated battery, possession of a firearm during the commission of a felony, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon during a crime, and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

Charges stem from an incident that occurred on Father's Day, June 16, 2024, when Cherokee Sheriff's Office deputies responded to a shooting just after 6 p.m. at the day use area of Sweetwater Campground off Fields Chapel Road on Lake Allatoona.

Investigators determined that Hall shot an unarmed man three times in the parking lot. According to eyewitnesses, Hall brandished a firearm and shot the victim. He then fired two additional shots at the injured man as he lay on the ground. At this point, Hall fled the scene in a gray Nissan SUV.

Bystanders rendered aid to the victim until first responders arrived. The victim was transported to a local hospital, where he underwent emergency surgery for multiple gunshot wounds. He sustained major internal injuries and remained hospitalized for nearly two weeks.

Deputies apprehended Hall shortly after the shooting. He claimed self-defense, alleging that the victim was intoxicated and physically aggressive.

Following the June trial, a Cherokee County jury rejected Hall's claim of self-defense and found that the shooting was an unlawful use of force. Judge Davis set sentencing for July 17.

At today's sentencing hearing, the State read a victim impact statement in which the victim described his painful recovery from severe injuries and the lasting emotional toll, including an ongoing sense of fear.

"The evidence in this case clearly showed that the defendant's actions were malicious, intentional, and not a matter of self-defense," said Assistant District Attorney Rebecca Visockis, who prosecuted this case on behalf of the State. "He brandished a weapon and fired three times at an unarmed man. After firing the second shot, he paused, then maliciously fired a third time at the victim, who was already seriously injured and lying on the ground."

The State recommended a sentence of 35 years to serve in prison, the maximum allowed under Georgia law for these offenses. The State also presented evidence of Hall's prior felony convictions and sought sentencing under O.C.G.A. §17-10-7(a), which mandates the maximum sentence for repeat felony offenders.

Judge Davis sentenced Hall as a recidivist and ordered that he serve 35 years in prison, with the possibility of parole.

"The public has an unequivocal right to safely enjoy shared spaces without the threat of armed violence," said District Attorney Susan K. Treadaway. "In this case, a convicted felon unlawfully brought a firearm into a public setting, recklessly endangering the life of an unarmed individual. Such conduct poses a grave threat to our community and will be met with full accountability under the law."

The case was investigated by the Cherokee Sheriff's Office and prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Rebecca Visockis with the assistance of Deputy Chief Assistant District Attorney Geoffrey Fogus, Office of the District Attorney, Blue Ridge Judicial Circuit.

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