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Man to Serve 20 Years in Prison for Brutal Stabbing of Girlfriend inside Ball Ground Home
State vs. Juan Jose Alfaro-Gonzalez

August 8, 2025 – District Attorney Susan K. Treadaway announces that following a non-negotiated plea hearing on August 7, Chief Superior Court Judge David Cannon Jr. sentenced Juan Jose Alfaro-Gonzalez, 30, to 50 years, with the first 20 years to be served in prison, for the brutal stabbing of his intimate partner.

Alfaro-Gonzalez entered a non-negotiated guilty plea to the following charges: criminal attempt to commit murder, family violence aggravated assault, family violence aggravated battery (3 counts), aggravated assault, and cruelty to children in the third degree.

At the hearing, Deputy Chief Assistant District Attorney Rachel Ashe, of the Domestic Violence Unit, presented the facts of the case as follows.

On December 30, 2024, in the early morning hours, Cherokee Sheriff's Office responded to a 911 call reporting a stabbing at a Ball Ground residence. When deputies arrived, a woman was lying on a bedroom floor with extensive injuries, and Alfaro-Gonzalez was kneeling near her with a self-inflicted wound to his throat.

Alfaro-Gonzalez was holding a knife, which he dropped when ordered to do so. Both the defendant and the victim were bleeding profusely.

Witnesses told deputies they heard the woman screaming for help. One man attempted to intervene but backed off when the defendant swung at him with the knife. Before cutting his own throat, Alfaro-Gonzalez said that if she dies, he will die as well. A toddler was present in the room during the assault.

The victim sustained 16 stab wounds, including two to her face, two to her left shoulder, one on her left wrist, three on her left arm, one beneath her left breast, one on her leg, and multiple wounds on her back. She was hospitalized and is still recovering from her injuries.

During the hearing, the State presented graphic photographs of the victim's injuries and the horrific crime scene inside the home, which included a trail of blood extending from the kitchen to a second-floor bedroom. Investigators later determined that the defendant broke one knife during the assault and then retrieved a second knife from the kitchen.

"This defendant violently attacked the victim in a relentless rage, striking with such force that his knife broke from repeated blows. It is clear that he intended to take this woman's life. The fact that she survived is nothing short of a miracle," said Deputy Chief Assistant District Attorney Rachel Ashe, who prosecuted this case on behalf of the State.

While emphasizing the defendant's malicious intent, Deputy Chief ADA Ashe called on the court to impose the maximum sentence.

At the conclusion of the hearing, Judge Cannon considered arguments presented by both the State and the Defense then sentenced the defendant to 50 years with the first 20 years to be served in prison. The defendant is also prohibited from having contact with the named victims and witnesses, is banned from Cherokee County and surrounding counties, and will face deportation at the end of his prison term.

"This case revealed a disturbing pattern of domestic abuse – both verbal and physical – that escalated after the victim bravely chose to end the relationship," said District Attorney Susan K. Treadaway. "Her courage was met with senseless brutality. Our office remains steadfast in pursuing justice for survivors and ensuring they have a path to safety, healing, and a future free from violence."

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.

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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