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Notice of Conviction
Paulding County Man Guilty of Violent Assault at Woodstock Hotel
State vs. Girbauderek Samuel Nichols

August 20, 2025 – District Attorney Susan K. Treadaway announces that earlier today a Cherokee County jury found Girbauderek Samuel Nichols, 33, of Dallas, Georgia, guilty of seven charges he faced at trial.

The jury convicted the defendant of criminal attempt of kidnapping, battery, family violence aggravated assault, simple battery, family violence battery, aggravated assault, and terroristic threats. The case involved three separate victims, including a woman, a Good Samaritan, and a law enforcement officer.

Charges stem from an incident that occurred on October 5, 2024, at the InTown Suites extended stay hotel on Parkway 575 in Woodstock. During the early morning hours, a hotel guest overheard a physical altercation between a man and a woman, then witnessed the man (later identified as Nichols) physically assaulting the woman outside of a hotel room.

The witness intervened and helped the woman get away to the parking lot. He later described her as lethargic and dazed. While the witness was calling 911 from the parking lot, Nichols confronted him, brandishing a knife in a threatening manner. At trial, the witness testified that he was prepared to protect the woman if necessary. Nichols eventually put the knife away before the police arrived.

When Woodstock Police arrived on the scene, Nichols was uncooperative and threatened to kill one of the responding officers as he was placed in a squad car.

The victim told law enforcement that Nichols hit her multiple times on the head and face. She suffered severe bruising and swelling to her face, including an eye that was swollen shut.

The trial began with jury selection on August 18, followed by testimony on August 19 and closing arguments on August 20. The State presented testimony from six witnesses, including the victims and law enforcement officers. The State also introduced 33 exhibits including photographs of the victim's injuries, 911 audio recordings, and body camera footage from responding deputies.

The jury deliberated for about two hours. Sentencing will be set at a later date.

The case was investigated by the Woodstock Police Department 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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