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Notice of Conviction
Ball Ground Man Found Guilty of Sex Crimes Against a Cherokee County Child
State vs. Zachery Allan Maltman

August 29, 2025 – District Attorney Susan K. Treadaway announces that Zachery Allan Maltman, 37, of Ball Ground, was found guilty on August 27 of all charges brought against him. These charges were: aggravated sexual battery (2 counts), aggravated child molestation, and child molestation (3 counts).

Charges stem from a Cherokee Sheriff's Office investigation that began in September 2022 when the victim's mother reported that Maltman had been sexually abusing her child, who was under the age of 16. Maltman was known to the child and had frequent contact with her.

In a forensic interview, the child disclosed the defendant had been sexually abusing her for about a year.

Over the course of the three-day trial, six witnesses testified for the State, including the child, the child's mother, law enforcement, and experts on sexual assault nursing exams and forensic interviewing. The State introduced 38 exhibits, including a string of text messages between the defendant and a family member in which the defendant made admissions that supported the State's case.

After deliberating for an hour and a half, the jury found the defendant guilty of all charges.

The case was investigated by the Cherokee Sheriff's Office and prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Meaghan Frankish, of the Special Victims Unit, and by Assistant District Attorney Rebecca Visockis, Office of the District Attorney, Blue Ridge Judicial Circuit.

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