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*Notice of Conviction*  
**Cherokee County Jury Convicts Powder Springs Man of Murdering Wife's Ex-Fiancé**  
**State vs. Nicholas Michael Mimms**

February 16, 2026 – District Attorney Susan K. Treadaway announces that a Cherokee County jury has found Nicholas Michael Mimms, 37, of Powder Springs, guilty of the murder of Eduardo Gilberto Figueroa, 31. Mimms was convicted of felony murder, aggravated assault, and possession of a firearm during the commission of a felony. He was found not guilty of malice murder.

The jury reached its verdict on February 13, following approximately eight hours of deliberation. Sentencing will be held at a later date.

The charges stem from the fatal shooting of Figueroa at approximately 12 p.m. on August 7, 2021, outside a home on Mohawk Trail in the Acworth area of Cherokee County.

When Cherokee Sheriff's Office deputies responded to the scene, they found Figueroa lying face down on a deck beside the home, dead from multiple gunshot wounds. Mimms told law enforcement that he acted in self-defense, claiming Figueroa had threatened him and was dangerous.

However, evidence presented at trial showed that Figueroa was unarmed, while Mimms was wearing a bulletproof vest, armed with a firearm, and waiting outside the home for Figueroa to arrive.

Prior to the murder, Figueroa had recently established parental rights to the child he shared with his ex-fiancée, who had married Mimms. Figueroa's first court-approved parenting time was scheduled for the day of the shooting, on August 7 from 12 to 2 p.m. Mimms, who had never met Figueroa before, was designated as the supervisor for the visitation. The child and his mother were not present at the home when the shooting occurred.

The trial began on January 26 and lasted approximately three weeks. Jurors heard testimony from 25 witnesses, including law enforcement officers, medical experts, lay witnesses, and other individuals familiar with events leading up to the shooting. The State and the Defense also introduced 200 exhibits into evidence, including the defendant's bulletproof vest and firearm, the stuffed animal Figueroa had brought for his child, crime scene photographs, medical reports, and surveillance video and audio.

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

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