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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

#### **Driver Who Struck, Killed Tow Truck Driver in Woodstock Sentenced to 15 Years, 1 Year to Serve, Suspended Upon Completion of Community Service and 180 Days in County Jail State vs. David Albert Beaver Jr.**

**March 6, 2026** – District Attorney Susan K. Treadaway announces that David Albert Beaver Jr., 60, of Woodstock, was sentenced on March 4 after pleading guilty to homicide by vehicle in the first degree and reckless driving in connection with the October 19, 2023, crash that killed Frank Ingram, owner of Ingram Towing.

This traffic fatality brought increased attention to Georgia's Move Over Law, which requires motorists to move over and slow down for the safety of first responders and roadside workers.

Sentencing was non-negotiated, with the State and the Defense presenting their respective recommendations during the hearing. The State requested a 15-year sentence with five years to serve in custody, while the Defense recommended 10 years of probation.

Chief Superior Court Judge David L. Cannon Jr. sentenced the defendant to 15 years, with the first year in confinement, suspended upon completion of the following conditions:

1. **Community Service:** The defendant must complete 768 hours of community service picking up roadside litter through the Cherokee County Recycling Center. He must work a minimum of 16 eight-hour shifts each year until the 768 hours are completed.
2. **Jail Time:** The defendant must serve a total of 180 days – a minimum of 48 days annually – in the Cherokee County adult detention center. His time in the county jail must be served in increments of at least four days at a time, with the anniversary of the crash (October 19) to be served every year.

The defendant must also adhere to other special conditions, including no contact with the family of Frank Ingram or with Ingram Towing.

Assistant District Attorney Elizabeth Mackey, who prosecuted this case on behalf of the State, presented traffic camera footage detailing the chain of events leading up to the crash. The video showed an Ingram tow truck responding to a disabled dump truck on the shoulder of I-575 South near Sixes Road. After activating the tow truck's emergency lights, Ingram exited the vehicle and walked along the berm of the roadway.

As drivers traveling southbound on I-575 approached the emergency equipment, they safely changed lanes or slowed down, but Beaver continued in the right lane. He then veered right and traveled six feet over the fog line, striking Ingram and dragging him approximately 43 feet. Witnesses told law enforcement they saw the van swerving across lanes and off the roadway before the crash occurred.

Ingram's cause of death was determined to be blunt force trauma.

In statements made at the scene, the defendant said he did not see the tow truck or Ingram until after impact. He also admitted to having recently caused a crash in Rome, GA, in which he totaled his employer's vehicle. Despite that prior incident, he said he had not sought medical evaluation to determine whether a medical condition may have been a contributing factor to his driving.

"This was a preventable tragedy. Frank Ingram should still be here today, serving his community. He understood the dangers of his job and was taking steps to protect himself. His emergency lights were activated, he was wearing a reflective vest, and visibility was clear that day. He even asked the occupants of the disabled truck to stand away from the road for their safety," said Assistant District Attorney Elizabeth B. Mackey. "Georgia's Move Over Law was enacted to protect first responders and roadside workers. This case is a sobering reminder of what can happen when drivers fail to slow down and move over."

During the hearing, the victim's mother and nephew delivered victim impact statements, describing the profound personal and professional loss they have endured since his death. The courtroom was packed with family, friends, and other supporters of Frank Ingram.

The case was investigated by Woodstock Police Department, with assistance from the Cherokee Sheriff's Office. It was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Elizabeth Mackey, with assistance from Assistant District Attorney Kelly Chavis, Office of the District Attorney, Blue Ridge Judicial Circuit.

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