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Conviction & Sentencing **Repeat Offender Sentenced to Prison for Firearm Charge** *State vs. Jeremiah Joshua Cornette*

CANTON, GA (October 2, 2026) – District Attorney Susan K. Treadaway announces that on September 30 a Cherokee County jury found Jeremiah Joshua Cornette, 35, of Ball Ground, guilty of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

The charge stems from a January 2026 incident at a home in Nelson. A family member reported hearing a gunshot after Cornette took a rifle from inside the house and ran into the wooded backyard with the weapon.

When Cherokee Sheriff's Office deputies responded, Cornette was inside the garage. He told deputies that the object he had possessed was a stick, not a firearm. Under Georgia law, individuals with prior felony convictions are not permitted to possess firearms.

Deputies and K9 units searched the backyard and located an Anderson rifle buried under leaves in the area where Cornette had been seen.

At the time of this incident, Cornette was out on bond for a separate case involving possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. He was convicted and sentenced for that case in June 2026.

Following the jury's verdict, Superior Court Judge Shannon Wallace sentenced Cornette to 10 years in prison, to run concurrent with the sentence he is currently serving.

"While out on bond for serious charges involving drugs and a firearm, this defendant chose to obtain yet another gun and discharge it. His repeated disregard for the law shows a troubling pattern of behavior and poses a clear risk to the safety of our community," said Assistant District Attorney Leland J. McElveen Jr., who prosecuted this case on behalf of the State.

The case was investigated by the Cherokee Sheriff's Office and prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Leland J. McElveen Jr., Office of the District Attorney, Blue Ridge Judicial Circuit.

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