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Notice of Conviction **Guilty Verdict for Man Accused of Attempted Rape** ***State vs. Sedric Charles Williams***

CANTON, GA (October 2, 2026) – District Attorney Susan K. Treadaway announces that on October 1, at the conclusion of a four-day trial, a Cherokee County jury convicted Sedric Charles Williams, 33, of one count of criminal attempt to commit rape and two counts of sexual battery. He was found not guilty of one count of criminal attempt to commit aggravated sodomy.

Cherokee Sheriff's Office deputies responded to a 911 call early in the morning of Aug. 1, 2024, when a woman reported that a man unknown to her attempted to rape her on the overpass at Highway 92 and I-75.

The victim told deputies that while she was walking from McDonalds to RaceTrac on Highway 92 near Acworth, the defendant approached her and asked if she wanted to have sex. When she refused, he followed her onto the overpass and assaulted her. She then continued to RaceTrac, where she hid from the defendant while calling 911. The defendant left the scene before law enforcement arrived.

Using RaceTrac security footage, Cherokee Sheriff's Office deputies disseminated an image of Williams to surrounding law enforcement agencies. The following day, Aug. 2, 2024, a deputy located a man matching the description and image of the suspect. While speaking to the deputy, Williams stated, "Is this about the girl?" and "I just touched her back."

As part of the investigation, the victim underwent a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) exam to gather physical evidence. A Georgia Bureau of Investigation forensic biologist later linked DNA evidence to Williams.

The trial took place from Sept. 28-Oct. 1. The State called nine witnesses to testify, including law enforcement officers, the victim, a similar victim, a sexual assault nurse, and a GBI forensic biologist. The State also presented more than 50 exhibits including the victim's 911 call, forensic evidence, and surveillance footage showing the victim and the defendant immediately following the assault.

After deliberating for less than an hour, the jury announced its verdict. Superior Court Judge Jennifer L Davis set sentencing for Oct. 6.

The case was investigated by Cherokee Sheriff's Office and prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Megan S. Hertel and Assistant District Attorney Rebecca N. Visockis, Office of the District Attorney, Blue Ridge Judicial Circuit.

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