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Canton Man Admits to Execution-Style Murder and Is Sentenced to Life in Prison Plus 20 Years
State vs. Brackus James Golden

May 10, 2024 – District Attorney Susan K. Treadaway announces that Superior Court Judge Tony Baker this morning sentenced Brackus James Golden, 26, of Canton, to life plus 20 years to serve in prison.

On May 9, Golden entered a non-negotiated guilty plea to 16 charges related to the murder of Kevin Misidi, 25, of Canton and domestic violence aggravated assault charges involving his child’s mother. These charges included: malice murder, felony murder (2 counts), home invasion, family violence aggravated assault (2 counts), aggravated assault (3 counts), kidnapping with bodily injury, aggravated battery, possession of a firearm during the commission of a felony (2 counts), family violence battery, and cruelty to children in the third degree (2 counts).

Golden also pled guilty to an aggravated assault strangulation charge that was incurred during a prior assault of the same victim.

During the sentencing hearing today, Assistant District Attorney Kelly Chavis presented the facts of the case, explaining that Golden had an on-again, off-again relationship with a woman with whom Golden and Misidi each fathered a child.

On December 10, 2021, approximately six months prior to the fatal shooting, Golden physically attacked Misidi and placed him in a chokehold as he left a doctor’s office with the woman, who was at that time pregnant with Misidi’s child. Golden fled from police. He was arrested and later charged with aggravated assault by strangulation.

In the months that followed, the investigation determined that Golden continued to exhibit violent tendencies, including sending ominous texts suggesting that someone was going to die.

On one occasion, Golden placed his hands on the woman’s neck and strangled her while the children were present. The woman later texted him, saying, “I see what [you are] capable of. You literally didn’t care that the kids was [sic] right there.”

Then, on June 5, 2022, just before 6 p.m., Golden showed up at the house where the woman lived with the two children. Misidi was present as well.

Golden demanded that Misidi come outside to speak to him. Golden then retrieved a firearm from his car and shot at Misidi. One bullet went through a window and struck a TV, shattering glass onto the children’s toys. Misidi then ran back into the house, locking the front door and retreating into the home with the woman and children. Golden broke a window to get into the home and found the woman, Misidi, and two children in a locked bedroom in the back of the house.

“After forcing his way into the locked bedroom, he attacked the woman and Kevin while the two children were present. He hit Kevin while he held Golden’s child, causing him to drop the little boy. He struck the woman multiple times in the face and pummeled Kevin to the point that he lost consciousness,” said Assistant District Attorney Chavis, who prosecuted the case on behalf of the State. “He was brutal, cruel, and clearly intent on murder.”

Following this violent assault, Golden dragged the unconscious man by the hair, out of the home, down the concrete steps, and out onto the front sidewalk, where he shot and killed him.

Some of the events on June 5, 2022, were recorded on a Cherokee 911 call that the woman made while Golden was attacking them. This call was played for the court. In the initial call, a child was crying in the background and a woman was yelling “stop.” The woman attempted to speak to the dispatcher, but the call was disconnected multiple times. The dispatcher called back each time, in an attempt to keep the woman on the line until law enforcement arrived.

When Cherokee Sheriff’s Office arrived at the scene, they found the woman hiding behind a tree with her young children and Misidi deceased on the sidewalk. Golden fled the scene before law enforcement arrived.

Canton Police searched for Golden at his last known address in Alexander Ridge Apartments, and CSO secured a search warrant for the apartment. Inside, investigators located a firearm box for a Rock Island Armory 1911 style pistol and several rounds of ammunition. They also found a .223 caliber rifle round with “Kevin M” written on it with a Sharpie.

On June 6, 2022, Marietta Police located Brackus in his Mazda parked in front of Checkers at 41 Cobb Parkway South in Marietta. Inside the vehicle, they found the Rock Island Armory 1911 style pistol and .45 caliber rounds that matched the rounds located at the crime scene. He was taken to the hospital due to a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the abdomen, then transported to the Cherokee County adult detention center.

During the hearing, Assistant District Attorney Kelly Chavis read a victim impact statement written by one of Misidi’s family members, who described how the tremendous loss had left a permanent scar on her soul. Other family members were present for the hearing.

“This defendant asked the court to have mercy on him during his sentencing, but he showed no mercy for the life of Kevin Misidi when he executed him and left him to die on a sidewalk,” said District Attorney Susan K. Treadaway. “So many lives have been impacted by the callous actions of the defendant on that tragic day, especially the children who have lost their fathers as a result of senseless violence.”

This case was investigated by the Cherokee Sheriff’s Office, with assistance from Canton Police and Marietta Police. It was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Kelly Chavis with the assistance of Assistant District Attorney Elizabeth B. Mackey, Office of the District Attorney, Blue Ridge Judicial Circuit.

Domestic Violence

Domestic violence typically follows a pattern, with tension building, followed by a major act of violence, a calm period, and then cycling back to tension building. As time passes, the violent episodes often get more serious and may lead to a lethal act. This pattern of abuse is often referred to as the “Cycle of Violence.” According to the Training Institute on Strangulation Prevention, strangulation is one of the most lethal forms of domestic violence. Odds for homicide increase substantially for victims who have been previously strangled.

If you or someone you know is impacted by domestic violence, please contact the Cherokee Family Violence Center, CFVC.org, 770-479-1703 (24/7 crisis hotline). In case of an emergency, call 911.

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