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**Cartersville Man Admits to Two Drive-By Shootings and Is Sentenced to Prison**  
**State vs. Timothy Joseph Gregory**

**May 10, 2024** – Cherokee County District Attorney Susan K. Treadaway announces that Timothy Joseph Gregory, 31, of Cartersville, entered a negotiated guilty plea on May 1 to multiple charges related to two separate drive-by shootings: one on May 10, 2022, in a subdivision near Canton; the other on May 12, 2022, at the Department of Community Supervision in the city of Canton.

Superior Court Judge Tony Baker sentenced Gregory to 40 years, with the first 20 years to serve in prison.

The defendant’s charges include aggravated assault (2 counts), criminal damage to property in the first degree, possession of a firearm during the commission of a felony, interference with government property, criminal damage to property in the second degree, and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon (3 counts).

At the plea hearing, Assistant District Attorney Kelly Chavis presented the facts of the case as follows. Just after 2 p.m. on May 10, 2022, Cherokee Sheriff’s Office responded to a 911 call reporting a drive-by shooting directed at a home in the Carmichael Farms community. When deputies arrived, they found five bullet strikes to the front of the house and six bullet casings in the roadway and sidewalk. One bullet went through the garage window, traveling through the far wall of the garage, above a laundry room ceiling, and into a walk-in closet. No one was injured.

Multiple residents witnessed the shooting, and home security cameras captured video of a blue Mazda traveling into the neighborhood and exiting at a high rate of speed moments later. The license plate of the car was covered with duct tape, partially concealing the license plate number.

Two days after this incident, Canton Police responded to a 911 call reporting that shots were fired at the Department of Community Supervision in Canton. Surveillance video showed a passenger vehicle pulling into the parking lot and firing at least two rounds at an SUV before leaving the scene.

Law enforcement used witness accounts, surveillance videos, Flock cameras, and other resources to identify Gregory as the suspect in both drive-by shootings.

After arresting Gregory, Cherokee Sheriff’s Office conducted a search warrant of his home. Inside the residence, deputies found an AR-15 pistol, a .45 caliber Ruger semi-automatic pistol, multiple magazines and ammunition, and several flare guns.

“Although the targets the defendant selected appeared to be random, the fact that he covered his license plate with duct tape suggests that his actions were premeditated and that he was trying to avoid detection,” said Assistant District Attorney Kelly Chavis, who prosecuted this case on behalf of the State. “Fortunately, many of our residents have home surveillance cameras, which greatly assisted the investigation.”

During the May 1 plea hearing, Gregory admitted to all charges and was sentenced to 40 years, with the first 20 years to serve in confinement. He was also banned from Cherokee County and ordered to pay restitution.

“It is unsettling that this defendant drove through Cherokee County armed with a loaded gun and an intent to commit acts of violence against our citizens,” said District Attorney Susan K. Treadaway. “We are thankful for the thorough investigation by local law enforcement, who ensured that this defendant was quickly apprehended, and our community was protected from this dangerous man.”

This case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Kelly Chavis and investigated by the Cherokee Sheriff’s Office, with assistance from Canton Police.

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