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Notice of Conviction
Woodstock Woman Who Stabbed Her Brother is Guilty on All Counts
State vs. Taeja Janae Williams

June 17, 2024 – District Attorney Susan K. Treadaway announces that on June 14, 2024, a Cherokee County jury convicted Taeja Janae Williams, 21, of all charges in the 2022 stabbing of her younger brother. At the time of the stabbing, Williams was 20, and her brother was 17.

Williams was found guilty of aggravated assault, aggravated battery (2 counts), cruelty to children in the first degree, and possession of a knife during the commission of a felony.

On December 21, 2022, Woodstock Police responded to a 911 call reporting a stabbing. Responding officers determined that following a verbal altercation in the upstairs hallway of the home, Williams grabbed a knife from her purse and stabbed her brother in his left chest, left abdomen, and left shoulder.

Woodstock Fire and Cherokee Fire provided lifesaving treatment to the victim, who was transported to the hospital. Upon his arrival at the hospital, medical personnel discovered that his blood pressure was dangerously low and that the knife had penetrated through his chest muscles and punctured his left lung. This resulted in a collapsed lung, a lacerated blood vessel in the lung, and bruising and lacerations to the lung. After stabilizing the victim, hospital staff operated to repair the trauma sustained in the assault.

During the four-day trial in Superior Court Judge David Cannon Jr.'s courtroom, a Cherokee County jury heard testimony from six witnesses from the State (the victim, his mother, three law enforcement officers, and the trauma surgeon) and one witness from the Defense (the defendant). The jury also viewed 48 exhibits, including the knife, other physical evidence, and photos taken during the investigation.

The jury deliberated for about four hours before convicting the defendant. Sentencing will be set for a later date.

This case was investigated by Woodstock Police Department and prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Elliot Stone, of the Domestic Violence Unit, Office of the District Attorney, Blue Ridge Judicial Circuit, with the assistance of Assistant District Attorney Tyler Sims.

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