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*Notice of Conviction*

**Jury Convicts Man of Terroristic Threats and Acts**

**State vs. Christopher Dean Bowling**

**June 19, 2024** – District Attorney Susan K. Treadaway announces that on June 13, 2024, a Cherokee County jury found Christopher Dean Bowling, 29, of Waleska, guilty of terroristic threats and acts.

Charges stem from a Cherokee Sheriff's Office investigation that began when deputies responded to a disconnected 911 call from a Waleska home on July 28, 2023. The victim told responding officers that she and Bowling had been arguing and he wouldn't let her pack her belongings to leave.

During the investigation, the woman shared a four-minute audio recording of a prior domestic dispute in which she said Bowling strangled her while a child was present. In the recording, deputies heard back-and-forth bickering, followed by a heated argument then the sound of a scuffle. At this point, the victim went silent for about 30 seconds, not answering questions or responding while Bowling screamed obscenities at her and suggested murder/suicide.

"The audio recording is extremely disturbing," said Deputy Chief Assistant District Attorney Rachel Ashe, who prosecuted the case on behalf of the State. "The defendant threatened, demeaned, and intimidated the victim. At one point, the victim became strangely silent. She testified at trial that, during those 30 seconds of silence, the defendant was strangling her, leaving her unable to respond."

Bowling was arrested and indicted on three counts: aggravated assault, terroristic threats and acts, and cruelty to children in the third degree.

"Evidence presented during trial demonstrated to the jury how emotionally abusive this relationship was, and the escalating violence suggested that this woman was in real danger," said Deputy Chief Assistant District Attorney Rachel Ashe. "However, throughout the prosecution of this case, it was apparent that the victim never wanted this defendant to get into trouble. She just wanted to end the relationship."

During the two-day trial in Superior Court Judge Shannon Wallace's courtroom, a Cherokee County jury heard testimony from four witnesses: three from the State (the victim, a law enforcement officer, and a domestic violence expert) and one from the Defense (the defendant). The jury also listened to the audio recording and reviewed multiple pages of text messages the defendant sent to the victim.

The jury deliberated for less than an hour before convicting the defendant of terroristic threats and acts.

If you or someone you know is in an abusive relationship, please contact Cherokee Family Violence Center at 770-479-1703. In case of emergency, always call 911.

This case was investigated by Cherokee Sheriff's Office and prosecuted by Deputy Chief Assistant District Attorney Rachel Ashe, of the Domestic Violence Unit, Office of the District Attorney, Blue Ridge Judicial Circuit.

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