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Notice of Conviction and Sentencing
Life Plus 10 Years for Canton Man Found Guilty of Attempted Murder and Armed Robbery
State vs. Prince Hawar Rolle

CANTON, GA (June 18, 2026) – District Attorney Susan K. Treadaway announces that on June 17 a Cherokee County jury found Prince Hawar Rolle, 27, of Canton, guilty of all 10 counts he faced in trial: criminal attempt to commit murder, armed robbery, aggravated assault (3 counts), false imprisonment, aggravated battery, criminal damage to property in the first degree, and possessing a firearm during the commission of a felony (2 counts).

The charges stem from a shooting and armed robbery at River Ridge Apartments. Canton Police Department responded to the complex just after 4 a.m. on June 26, 2025. Upon arrival, they found a man with a gunshot wound to his abdomen.

The victim told police he was held at gunpoint by one man while a second man searched his bedroom and stole cash and a loaded Smith & Wesson handgun. The second man, later identified as Rolle, used the stolen handgun to shoot the victim. Then, as he left the apartment, Rolle fired another round at the victim and his roommate, who had been awakened by the gunfire. The victim sustained serious injuries and was taken to Kennestone Hospital, where he underwent multiple surgeries. He remained hospitalized for about a month before being released.

The victim said he had invited Rolle to his apartment after communicating with him hours earlier on a dating app. He had no prior contact with the accomplice, who has yet to be identified.

Since the victim and his roommate were unable to provide a name or detailed description of either suspect, police used digital evidence to identify Rolle.

While reviewing Rolle's dating app account, a detective uncovered an image that linked Rolle to a Chrysler PT Cruiser captured by a FLOCK camera near the apartment complex around the time of the incident. The vehicle's license plate was traced to Rolle's Canton address, and Rolle's driver's license photo matched the dating app images.

Search warrants for Rolle's two cell phones produced additional evidence, including cell-tower data placing him near the apartment at the time of the shooting and TextNow messages between Rolle and the victim. Investigators also found messages with another individual in which the defendant said he planned to make a "couple thousand" that night and, two days after the shooting, stated that he had stolen a gun and money but that someone had been shot.

“Investigators did outstanding work assembling the extensive digital and forensic evidence necessary to identify the defendant,” said Assistant District Attorney Rachel Murphy, of the Gang/Organized Crime Unit, Office of the District Attorney. “Their efforts ensured the jury had a complete understanding of the events that occurred and the harm inflicted on the victims.”

During the two-day trial, the State called nine witnesses and introduced 66 exhibits, including images from the dating app, photos from inside the apartment, text messages, Flock camera data, location information from the cell phones, cell tower records, surveillance footage, and Ring camera video.

The jury returned its verdict after deliberating for approximately three hours. The court then proceeded to sentencing. The State recommended a sentence of life in prison plus an additional 10 years to serve, while the Defense recommended a sentence of 20 years with 10 years to serve in prison.

Superior Court Judge Tony Baker sentenced the defendant to the maximum allowed under Georgia law: life in prison plus an additional 10 years to serve. Under state law, a life sentence requires the defendant to serve 30 years in prison before becoming eligible for parole. Judge Baker also ordered Rolle to pay \$213,738 in restitution for the victim’s medical expenses.

“Technology often plays an integral role in modern day prosecutions such as this one,” said District Attorney Susan K. Treadaway. “Without the FLOCK camera evidence utilized by the detective in this case, a dangerous man would still be free to terrorize our community, and this victim would never have received the justice that this sentence provides.”

The case was investigated by Canton Police Department, with assistance from Cherokee Sheriff’s Office. Prosecution was handled by Assistant District Attorney Rachel Murphy, of the Gang/Organized Crime Unit, with the assistance of Deputy Chief Assistant District Attorney Elizabeth B. Mackey.

Anyone with information that may help identify the second suspect is encouraged to contact the Canton Police Department at 770-720-4883.

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