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Notice of Sentencing **Woodstock Man Convicted of Rape to Serve 25 Years in Prison** ***State vs. Roman Viderman***

CANTON, GA (July 10, 2026) – District Attorney Susan K. Treadaway announces that on July 10 Senior Judge Walter J. Matthews sentenced convicted rapist Roman Viderman to serve 25 years in prison without the possibility of parole, followed by life on probation under sex offender special conditions.

A Cherokee County jury previously found Viderman, 48, of Woodstock, guilty of rape and violation of a temporary protective order.

The Cherokee Sheriff's Office investigated this case after a woman reported in 2025 that she had been sexually assaulted on more than one occasion by Viderman, with whom she was in a relationship. She explained that these incidents occurred while she was asleep and unable to protect herself, and that she told Viderman to stop but he refused to comply. She also reported that, even after obtaining a temporary protective order, Viderman continued conducting unauthorized surveillance of her home.

During today's sentencing hearing, Assistant District Attorney Ashley Snow said that the defendant engaged in a prolonged pattern of abuse that kept the victim in a state of fear and stripped her of dignity.

"The defendant repeatedly violated his partner, exploiting the trust inherent in their relationship and taking advantage of her vulnerability by committing offenses while she was asleep and unable to defend herself," said Assistant District Attorney Ashley Snow, who prosecuted this case on behalf of the State. "These assaults were a pattern of coercion and control that kept the victim living in fear, and when she sought the protection of the court, he violated that order as well."

The victim's impact statement, read at the sentencing hearing, described years of "fear, coercion, control, and uncertainty."

"One of the deepest wounds I carry is that I truly believed if I could only explain my pain clearly enough, the person I loved would understand and stop hurting me," the statement read. "When I finally accepted that nothing I said or did would change him, I left. That was when the fear truly began."

After hearing from the State and the Defense, Senior Judge Walter J. Matthews ordered the defendant to serve 25 years in prison, followed by life on probation with sex offender special conditions. He also ordered that he have no contact of any kind with the victim.

The case was investigated by the Cherokee Sheriff's Office. Prosecution was handled by Assistant District Attorney Ashley Snow, of the Domestic Violence Unit, with the assistance of Assistant District Attorney Leland McElveen.

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