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Notice of Conviction

**Marietta Man Found Guilty of Criminal Damage to Property in the 2nd Degree and Criminal Trespass
State vs. Johnathan Lee Nelson**

October 28, 2025 – District Attorney Susan K. Treadaway announces that on October 22, a Cherokee County jury found Johnathan Lee Nelson, 49, of Marietta, guilty of two of the four charges he faced at trial. These charges were criminal damage to property in the second degree and criminal trespass.

Chief Superior Court Judge David L. Cannon Jr. announced that sentencing would be set at a later date.

Charges stem from a Cherokee Sheriff's Office investigation that began on April 5, 2024, when deputies responded to a domestic disturbance near Oakwood Trace in the Acworth area of Cherokee County. Nelson had previously been in a relationship with a woman who lived in the home.

Deputies responding to the scene noticed damage to a glass door, front door, fence, and yard sign. Witnesses reported that Nelson arrived at the property and began arguing with them, then attempted to break into the home. Nelson was asked multiple times to leave the property but refused to do so.

During the trial, which took place October 20-22, the Office of the District Attorney presented 20 exhibits and called six individuals to testify, including law enforcement officers and witnesses of the incident.

The case was investigated by the Cherokee Sheriff's Office and prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Tyler M. Sims, who was assisted by Assistant District Attorney Aaron Smothers, Office of the District Attorney, Blue Ridge Judicial Circuit.

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