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Notice of Conviction
Cherokee County Jury Convicts Man of Aggravated Assault and False Imprisonment
State vs. Sergio Antonio Esquivel

November 20, 2025 – District Attorney Susan K. Treadaway announces that on November 19, a Cherokee County jury convicted Sergio Antonio Esquivel, 42, of Holly Springs, of family violence aggravated assault and false imprisonment following a two-day trial. He was found not guilty of two additional charges.

Charges stem from a Holly Springs Police Department investigation that began on June 9, 2024, when officers responded to a domestic disturbance.

Investigators determined that a verbal argument between Esquivel and a woman escalated into a physical altercation. Surveillance footage captured part of the assault, showing Esquivel restraining the woman in a headlock that applied pressure to her throat and neck, resulting in strangulation. Law enforcement described the maneuver as a guillotine-style chokehold that can cause unconsciousness and even death.

While speaking with the woman, officers observed redness on the right side of her face and neck consistent with strangulation.

During the two-day trial, the State called three witnesses and introduced 16 exhibits, including surveillance footage, law enforcement body-worn camera video, and recorded jail phone calls.

The jury deliberated for two and a half hours before finding the defendant guilty. Senior Superior Court Judge Walter J. Matthews said that sentencing would be set for a future date.

The case was investigated by the Holly Springs Police Department. Prosecution was handled by Assistant District Attorney Macelyne A. Williams, with assistance from 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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