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Notice of Conviction & Sentencing
**Man Convicted of Wife's Murder and Attempted Murder of Her Son;
Sentenced to Life Without Parole Plus 100 Years and 12 Months
State vs. Kelvin Demond Williams**

March 27, 2026 – District Attorney Susan K. Treadaway announces that, on March 26, a Cherokee County jury found Kelvin Demond Williams, 48, guilty of the murder of his wife, the attempted murder of her son, and other charges. Williams was convicted of all 13 counts in his indictment, including:

- Malice murder
- Felony murder (2 counts)
- Family violence aggravated assault (2 counts)
- Criminal attempt to commit murder
- Cruelty to children in the first degree
- Possession of a firearm during the commission of a felony (2 counts)
- Reckless conduct
- Possession of a firearm by a convicted felon (3 counts)

The jury reached its verdict after deliberating for less than an hour. Superior Court Judge Shannon Wallace then sentenced Williams to life in prison without parole plus 100 years and 12 months to serve.

The charges stem from the fatal shooting of Tenisha Williams, 48, at approximately 10:40 p.m. on July 13, 2025, in a home on Daventry Crossing in the Woodstock area of Cherokee County.

The Cherokee Sheriff's Office responded to the home that night after a 16-year-old boy called 911 to report the shooting. The child was hiding in his bedroom when he called for help. He told the dispatcher that his stepfather shot at him, then shot his mother, and was possibly reloading a revolver. His four-year-old brother was asleep in another bedroom.

When law enforcement arrived, the defendant was standing inside the home at the doorway to the open garage, smoking a cigarette. He exited the home after repeated commands and was immediately detained. The teenage boy and his younger brother, still asleep, were taken out of the home. Their mother was found deceased on the kitchen floor. The firearm used in the murder was located on the kitchen island, where Williams had been standing when law enforcement arrived.

The trial began on March 23 and lasted approximately three and a half days. Jurors heard testimony from 13 witnesses, including law enforcement officers, medical experts, lay witnesses, and other individuals. The State also

introduced approximately 150 exhibits into evidence, including the 911 call, in-home security camera video, crime scene photos, body camera video, medical reports, and jail phone call recordings.

Video from the in-home security camera showed the defendant firing five shots: the first shot was directed at the boy's head (missed), two shots at Tenisha (both missed), and another shot at the boy as he ran to his room (missed). The defendant then walked toward his wife and fired the fifth and final shot, killing her.

Tenisha was out of the camera's view, cornered in the kitchen. The security camera captured audio of her begging the defendant not to shoot. After the shooting, the defendant can be heard saying, "You dead, [expletive]?"

"The evidence in this case was overwhelming. Over the course of years, the defendant systematically isolated his wife and controlled her movements, even requiring her to wear a Bluetooth device so he could monitor her when she left the home. Evidence showed that on the day of the murder, he had her purchase and load the firearm he would later use to kill her," said Deputy Chief Assistant District Attorney Rachel Ashe, of the Domestic Violence Unit, who prosecuted this case on behalf of the State. "To this day, the defendant has shown no remorse, only indifference and cruelty."

At the sentencing hearing, four individuals provided victim impact statements. Family members described years of abuse, control, and intimidation at the hands of the defendant, to the point that Tenisha Williams was not permitted to contact her adult children or attend her mother's funeral. The foster mother, a close friend from church, spoke of her love for the children and her commitment to always being there for them.

Before imposing the maximum sentence, Judge Wallace said that the damage this defendant has caused is "unfathomable." She also ordered no contact with all of Tenisha Williams' children, the foster mother, and their families.

"This sentence sends a clear message that Tenisha's life mattered, and that the violence inflicted upon her was evil and inexcusable," said District Attorney Susan K. Treadaway. "We are deeply grateful to the jury, who were asked to watch and hear things no one should ever have to experience. They did so with care, courage, and a commitment to justice. Our hearts go out to the innocent children who will be forever affected by this senseless, brutal murder."

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

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