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**CHATHAM COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE  
ANNOUNCES THE 20 YEAR CONVICTION OF RANDALL LAMAR RICHARDSON**

Savannah, GA – Chatham County District Attorney's Office announces the conviction of Randall Lamar Richardson following a three-day jury trial. Richardson was convicted of two counts of aggravated battery and was sentenced to the maximum penalty allowed, which is 20 years to serve in prison. Richardson was arrested on April 26, 2020, for felony charges stemming from a domestic dispute with his live-in girlfriend who allowed him to move in with her during the Covid pandemic.

Special Victims Prosecutor Candace Blyden presented the State's case with the assistance of Assistant District Attorney Melanie Fenley. Blyden stated, "This defendant has victimized two women in Chatham County, both in their own homes. The danger of intimate partner violence is that victims are often unable to perceive the threat of violence until it is too late. However, every person has the right to feel safe in the privacy of their own home." Randall who was sentenced as a recidivist due to a prior sexual assault also has a history of domestic violence.

District Attorney Shalena Jones applauds the efforts of the trial team, advocates and support staff who prepared the case for trial. Jones is especially proud of the victim-turned-survivor, who after three years of court dates and Covid delays, finally got her day in court to take a stand for herself and for so many other survivors awaiting the justice, closure and support they deserve.

Richardson will not complete his sentence until he is 72 years old. This conviction comes just a few weeks ahead of National Crime Victim's Rights Week, which will be observed between April 23<sup>rd</sup> through 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023.