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**Cherokee County Grand Jury Indicts Robert Aaron Long**

**May 11, 2021** – District Attorney Shannon Wallace announces that today, May 11, 2021, a Cherokee County Grand Jury indicted Robert Aaron Long, 22, of Woodstock, GA, for malice murder (4 counts), felony murder (4 counts), criminal attempt to commit murder, aggravated assault (11 counts), aggravated battery, possession of a firearm during the commission of a felony, and criminal damage to property in the first degree.

Long was arrested on March 16, 2021, after mass shootings at massage parlors in Cherokee and Fulton counties in metro Atlanta. At Youngs Asian Massage in Woodstock, Cherokee County, four people were killed: Paul Andre Michels, Xiaojie Tan, Daoyou Feng, and Delaina Ashley Yaun-Gonzalez. Another male, Elcias Rocendo Hernandez Ortiz, was severely injured when he was shot in the face. Six other men and women were present inside the business and also victimized by this violent rampage. Long additionally faces charges in Fulton County for the shootings at Gold Spa and Aromatherapy Spa.

“The charges in this indictment were determined based on a comprehensive investigation of Robert Aaron Long and the mass shooting that occurred at Youngs Asian Massage in Woodstock. The investigation was conducted by federal and local law enforcement agencies, in conjunction with the Cherokee County District Attorney’s Office,” said District Attorney Shannon Wallace. “Today we have taken another step forward in seeking justice for the victims of this crime and for their family members.”

The next step in the judicial process is the arraignment on the charges. The decision of whether the death penalty will be sought in the Cherokee County case will be announced prior to arraignment. At this time, no date for the arraignment has been scheduled. Since this case is a pending matter within the District Attorney’s Office, no further comment will be made outside of the official proceedings conducted by the court.

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