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Two men sentenced to prison for armed robberies in Cherokee
State vs. Eric Elam and Troy Fiddes

June 21, 2022 – Cherokee County District Attorney Shannon Wallace announces that Eric Jordan Elam aka “Ahuto Dakidd,” 28, of DeKalb County, and Troy Williams Fiddes, 20, of Newton County, have been sentenced to the state penitentiary for armed robbery and other crimes committed in Cherokee County in 2020.

Charges relate to separate incidents, occurring on February 3 and 9, 2020, in which the co-defendants set up marijuana purchases and robbed two different victims at gunpoint. The armed robberies took place in Cherokee County at the Walmart on Bells Ferry Road and Walden Pond Apartments in Acworth. During the second armed robbery, Elam shot the victim in the chest and fled the scene. The victim survived the shooting and was able to assist law enforcement in identifying the suspects.

Cherokee Sheriff’s Office located the second victim’s blood on Elam’s vehicle and found a cell phone stolen from the first victim inside the vehicle. Additional evidence used at trial included phone records documenting the defendants’ movements at the time of the crimes.

“Through the meticulous work of the Cherokee Sheriff’s Office in conjunction with our office, these criminals were brought to justice,” said Assistant District Attorney Damion Overstreet, who prosecuted this case on behalf of the State. “Our office will always carry the torch to ensure that the truth is brought to light and that violent criminals are brought to justice.”

On March 28, 2022, a Cherokee County jury convicted Elam of armed robbery and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Due to his previous criminal history, Elam was sentenced by Senior Judge Joe Bishop on April 18, 2022, as a recidivist pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 17-10-7(a) and received a life sentence to be served in state prison for the armed robbery. In addition, he will serve 5 consecutive years for the charge of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

On February 8, 2022, Fiddes admitted to his crimes by entering a negotiated guilty plea to armed robbery and aggravated assault. Chief Judge Ellen McElyea sentenced him on May 12, 2022, to 20 years, with the first 12 years to be served in prison and the remainder to be served on probation.

“The jury did a thorough job of considering all the facts of this case, deliberating carefully, and coming to a guilty verdict for Elam,” said District Attorney Shannon Wallace. “Now that both defendants have been sentenced, two

dangerous criminals are off the streets and our citizens can rest assured that criminals who target our community to commit acts of violence will be investigated, prosecuted, and sentenced appropriately for their crimes.”

This case was investigated by the Cherokee Sheriff’s Office and prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Damion Overstreet.

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