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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Carroll County Jury Convicts Shane Jones of Abusing Physically Disabled Wife**

On May 16, 2023, after a one-day trial, a Carroll County jury convicted Shane Martin Jones of one count of Exploitation or Intimidation of a Disabled Adult, two counts of Aggravated Assault, Family Violence, and one count of Battery, Family Violence in Carroll Superior Court Case No. 19-CR-903. After trial, the Honorable Superior Court Judge Travis Sakrison sentenced Jones to 20 years to serve in prison followed by 20 years of probation. During sentencing, Judge Sakrison remarked that Jones' actions were "very disturbing."

The case was prosecuted by Sr. ADA Nathan Stewart and investigated by the Carroll County Sheriff's Office.

The evidence presented at trial showed that in the early morning hours of December 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017, Jones began attacking his wife while they were in bed together. His wife, who wears two prosthetic legs, struggled to attach her legs, get their 11-year-old daughter, and escape the house. While she was in this process, Jones struck her in the face and chest, strangled her, and held a loaded pistol to her head, remarking that he'd "rather kill them all than live without her." Their daughter witnessed all of this and testified against her father in the trial. The jury was also presented with evidence of prior violent acts committed by Jones against his wife, including one instance in Florida where Jones removed his wife's legs and used them to attack her.

I am pleased that yet another domestic abuser has been held accountable and will be spending significant time in prison. I hope this case serves as an example to victims of abuse who want to escape their abuser. This office and our partners in law enforcement will respond and will do everything we can to get you the justice and protection you deserve.

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