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BRANDON ROUNSAVILLE SENTENCED TO SERVE LIFE WITHOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF PAROLE FOR KIDNAPPING AND SEXUALLY ASSAULTING TWO COLLEGE STUDENTS

On May 4, 2023, a Carroll County jury convicted Brandon Rounsaville, 29, of Carrollton, Georgia, for all indicted crimes based on his kidnapping and sexually assaulting two college students in 2021. Rounsaville was indicted in Superior Court Case No. 22-CR-0020 with Kidnapping with Bodily Injury, Kidnapping, two counts of Aggravated Sodomy, Aggravated Sexual Battery, two counts of Robbery by Intimidation (x2), and two counts of Terroristic Threats. Carroll County Judge Michael Hubbard presided over the trial and sentenced Rounsaville to Life in Prison without the Possibility of Parole.

Assistant District Attorneys Wade Mason and Jessica Williams-Vickery prosecuted the case. Investigator Brandon Wilson with the Carrollton Police Department was the lead investigator.

In the early morning hours of October 31, 2021, officers with the Carrollton Police Department and the University of West Georgia Police Department responded to the Riverpoint Apartments in reference to the sexual assault of two college students. The victims had been walking back to their apartment from a school trip when Rounsaville approached them stating that he had a firearm and that he would kill them both if they did not comply with his demands. Rounsaville forced both victims to undress and move to the back of the building, where he forced them both to perform oral sex on him at gunpoint. One of the victims eventually ran to the front of the apartment complex screaming for help. The evidence presented at trial showed that Rounsaville chased her down, tackled her to the ground, and drug her through the parking lot in between two vehicles where he forced his fingers into her vagina. Due to the victims screaming, Rounsaville fled the scene and both victims called 9-1-1. Law enforcement arrived within minutes. Rounsaville was apprehended within half an hour of the assault and was found by law enforcement hiding under a bridge. At trial, both victims gave compelling and emotional testimony about the horrific assault they had both endured. In trial, both victims identified Rounsaville as their attacker. In addition, the jury was presented with evidence that both victims' DNA was swabbed from Rounsaville's genitals.

This case was the nightmare that every female college student and her parents fear. A stranger, with no association with their university, kidnapped them and sexually assaulted them under threat of death. I cannot find the words to convey my reaction to this crime. However, I have total clarity that justice was served by sentencing this defendant to remain in prison for the rest of his life. I am in awe of the bravery and resilience shown by these two survivors and I hope they feel a little safer knowing this defendant will never walk free.

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