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**Notice of Conviction**  
**Jury Convicts Jonesboro Man in Assault of Intimate Partner at Canton Hotel**  
***State vs. Desmond Jamal Camp***

**CANTON, GA (June 12, 2026)** – District Attorney Susan K. Treadaway announces that on June 11, a Cherokee County jury convicted Desmond Jamal Camp, 37, of Jonesboro, of family violence aggravated assault and false imprisonment. Camp was found not guilty of two additional counts of family violence aggravated assault and one count of family violence battery.

The charges stem from a Canton Police Department investigation that began on April 30, 2025, when officers responded to a 911 call reporting an assault inside a room at the Quality Inn in Canton.

When officers arrived, they spoke with the victim, who had covered herself with a blanket because her shirt and shorts were sliced open, leaving the front of her body exposed. She said she was staying at the hotel while working for a nearby employer. After working the previous night, she returned to the hotel to sleep, but Camp insisted on sexual intercourse. She and Camp were intimate partners.

The victim told police officers that when she refused, Camp attempted to remove her clothing and grabbed a large knife from his backpack, holding it to her throat. During the attack, she received two small lacerations on her hand that bled onto the bed.

The woman stated that when Camp became distracted, she ran from the room to the front desk, where an employee brought her into a back office for safety and called 911.

Camp then left the hotel and drove toward I-575 South. Canton Police Department detained him as he attempted to enter the interstate.

Police officers found evidence consistent with the victim's account, including the knife, blood spots on the bed, and cuts on her hand.

Over the course of the two-day trial, the State called seven witnesses, including the 911 caller, law enforcement officers, an expert in domestic violence, and the victim. The State also introduced 14 exhibits, among which were the cut clothing, the knife, 911 call, photographs, and body-worn footage from responding officers that captured the victim's demeanor and statements immediately after the assault.

The jury deliberated for approximately six hours before returning its verdict. Sentencing was set for June 23.

The case was investigated by the Canton Police Department. Prosecution was handled by Deputy Chief Assistant District Attorney Rachel Ashe, of the Domestic Violence Unit, with assistance from Assistant District Attorney Elliot Stone, Office of the District Attorney, Blue Ridge Judicial Circuit.

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