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On April 7, 2023, a Prince William County jury found Cody Dale Davis guilty of one count of Aggravated Malicious Wounding. The jury deliberated for approximately ten minutes before returning their verdict of guilty. The matter was prosecuted by Senior Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Dircia D. Schubert and Deputy Chief of Staff Kevin L. Leahy.

During the early morning hours of February 2, 2021, medics and officers from the Prince William County Police Department were dispatched to a residence in Dumfries. Located within the residence was the victim laying in a pool of blood suffering from severe facial lacerations and blunt force trauma to her eyes. The Defendant, Mr. Cody Dale Davis, and three minor children were also located within the residence.

The victim was transported to the Fairfax Inova Trauma Center where she underwent immediate surgical procedures. The Defendant's attack of the victim was unprovoked and savage. The Defendant caused the victim to sustain facial fractures including a nasal fracture and fracture to her orbital socket. While the victim was defenseless and unsuspecting, the Defendant continued to claw and gouge the victim's eyes. The Defendant exited the residence only to return and continue his brutal attack upon the victim. The Defendant ripped flesh from the victim's body and engaged in a second prolonged attack whereby the Defendant clawed and gouged the victim's eyes once more. Medical experts testified about the devastating injuries suffered by the victim. The victim suffered permanent blindness as a result of the attack.

On September 21, 2023, the Defendant will appear before the Honorable Judge James A. Willet to be sentenced. The victim and members of her family will present Victim Impact testimony regarding the Defendant's attack. The Defendant faces a maximum term of imprisonment of life in prison and a fine of not more than \$100,000.

Commonwealth's Attorney Ashworth released the following statement: "The prosecutors in this office work very hard to seek justice for the victims of violent crimes and I am proud of the effort put forth by all in bringing this case to justice." The Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney would like to commend the Prince William County Police Department, especially Officer Hume and Officer Takats for their investigation of the case as well as Kristen Marek, Deputy Director of the Commonwealth's Attorney's Victim/Witness Program, for the assistance provided to the victim's family. ###

Amy Ashworth is the elected Commonwealth's Attorney for Prince William County and the Cities of Manassas and Manassas Park. She was elected in November 2019. The Commonwealth Attorney's Office can be reached from 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. every business day by phone at 703-792-6050 or email at <u>cwoffice@pwcgov.org</u>.

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