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PRESS RELEASE

William Eddins, State Attorney for the First Judicial Circuit, announced that on February 12, 2013, the Honorable John T. Brown sentenced the Defendant to Life in prison on Attempted First Degree Premeditated Murder with a Weapon and Burglary of a Dwelling while Armed with a Firearm. The Defendant was sentenced to fifteen years in prison for Shooting into a Building. The Defendant was sentenced to one year in the county jail for violating an injunction and for possessing a firearm when subject to a final injunction. On the Attempted First Degree Premeditated Murder with a Weapon charge, the Defendant shall be required to serve a twenty year minimum mandatory sentence.

On December 21, 2012, Michael L. Crump was found Guilty of Attempted First Degree Premeditated Murder with a Weapon, Burglary of a Dwelling while Armed with a Firearm, and Shooting into a Building. On December 17, 2012 the Defendant entered a plea to Violation of an injunction and Possession of a Firearm when Subject to an Injunction.

The incident which led to the charges began in July of 2010 when the Defendant went to the Victim's, (his ex-wife) home. Once there, an argument began at which time the Defendant pushed into his way into the Victim's home and repeatedly struck her with his fists as well as his feet. The Defendant threatened to return and kill the Victim if she reported the incident to law enforcement. The Victim was able to escape and did report the incident to law enforcement. A warrant for the Defendant's arrest was issued and he was arrested approximately a month later and held in the Okaloosa County Department of Corrections. In August of 2010, the Defendant was able to post bond.

On September 20, 2010, the Defendant was seen carrying a shotgun into the backyard of the Victim's home. The Victim saw the Defendant aiming the shotgun at her and managed to escape to an upstairs room before climbing out of an upstairs window and running to a neighbor's home. The Defendant fired the shotgun at least three separate times and reloaded the shotgun before venturing upstairs to look for the Victim. Unable to find her, the Defendant fled the scene, fled law enforcement when they attempted to stop him at gunpoint and was able to dispose of the shotgun.

The Defendant was found shortly after he fled the scene and taken into custody. Law enforcement was able to find the shotgun used by the Defendant in Choctawhatchee Bay which Florida Department of Law Enforcement was able to positively identify as the shotgun used at the crime scene.

The investigation and arrest was conducted by the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office with assistance from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement. Assistant State Attorney Jonathan Schlechter prosecuted the case. For more information, please contact Mr. Schlechter at 651-7260.