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PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

RE: State v. Quan Stephens Arline CR-2024-0205

DECEMBER 12, 2024 – GEORGIA MAN CONVICTED OF ATTEMPTED SECOND DEGREE MURDER FOR SLASHING VICTIM'S NECK

On December 12, 2024, a Mohave County jury found Quan Stephens Arline guilty of Attempted Second Degree Murder for cutting the Victim's throat at the Pilot fuel station in Lake Havasu City.

At trial the Victim testified that Arline confronted him at the Pilot fuel station for fueling up too slowly. A verbal altercation ensued inside the fuel station, which promoted an employee of Pilot to separate the men. The Victim testified that he walked outside but was followed closely behind by Arline. A second altercation took place outside the fuel station and ended in Arline abruptly and violently slashing the Victim's neck with a pocketknife. Arline then fled the scene. In a subsequent interview with law enforcement, Arline admitted to cutting the Victim but stated he was acting in self-defense.

Throughout trial Arline claimed self-defense but also admitted during his trial testimony that he pulled the knife out as he was walking behind the Victim. This State argued this fact demonstrated his intent to kill the Victim over a fuel station feud.

Mohave County Sheriff's Office Deputy Keith Lewis was instrumental in the investigation of this crime and helped obtain Pilot's surveillance footage (which captured the entire incident on camera) and also obtained a confession from Arline. The Chief Deputy of the Mohave County Attorney's Office stated, "the prosecutor in this case, Amanda Claerhout, did a great job and works tremendously hard, especially considering she just completed another complex trial earlier this month."