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PRESS RELEASE

State Attorney Ginger Bowden Madden announced today that Justin Demartre Young was sentenced to 30 years in state prison by Circuit Judge W. Joel Boles. Young was convicted of two (2) counts of Attempted First Degree Premeditated Murder with a Firearm in a judge trial on October 27, 2020.

On January 1, 2020, Young shot and seriously injured two women in their home on Barth Road in Molino. The women (related to each other as mother and daughter) lived in the home with a relative of Young, and Young had also been staying in the home for several weeks prior to the shooting. On the evening of January 1st, Young came home and sat in the living room with the women for several minutes before complaining and challenging them as to someone having been in his car. The women claimed no one had been in his car; but shortly thereafter Young shot the eldest in the back as she crossed the room to get to the bathroom. Her daughter was shot in the head during her struggle to protect her mother and gain control of the gun. Young then shot the mother again in the abdomen. Both women were seriously injured but able to run to the neighbor's house for assistance after Young fled.

As part of Young's thirty-year sentence, twenty-five (25) years must be served as a mandatory minimum requirement under Florida's 10-20-LIFE law, meaning those years must be served day-for-day, without any gain-time credit.

The investigation and arrest were conducted by Escambia County Sheriff's Office. Assistant State Attorney Amy Shea prosecuted the case. For more information, please contact Ms. Shea at (850) 595-4243.