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PRESS RELEASE

Ginger Bowden Madden, State Attorney for the First Judicial Circuit of Florida announced that on April 20, 2021, 28 year old William David Nicholson II entered a plea to Attempted First Degree Premeditated Murder with a Firearm, Possession of Firearm by a Convicted Felon, Criminal Mischief (\$1000 or greater) and, on a second case, to Grand Theft. He was sentenced to 15 years State Prison with a 10 year minimum mandatory prison sentence on the Attempted Murder and a 3 year minimum mandatory prison sentence on the Possession of Firearm by Convicted Felon. Nicholson will serve the minimum mandatory sentences day for day and was sentenced by the Honorable Jennie Kinsey.

On May 13, 2020, Nicholson attempted to sell some marijuana to the victim. Victim did not compensate Nicholson for the narcotics. Nicholson seemed to realize this shortly after the transaction had occurred and a brief high speed chase ensued between their two vehicles. After going into a gas station parking lot, Nicholson exited his vehicle with a firearm and fired two shots towards the victim. At least one projectile went into the victim's vehicle, striking the victim. Nicholson then fled the scene.

Nicholson has multiple prior felony convictions including three for Burglary, Grand Theft, and three for Grand Theft of a Firearm.

The investigation and arrest were conducted by the Escambia County Sheriff's Office and the Office of the State Attorney. The case was prosecuted by Assistant State Attorney Jeremiah Monahan. For further information, please contact Mr. Monahan at 850-595-4200.