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PRESS RELEASE

Ginger Bowden Madden, State Attorney for the First Judicial Circuit of Florida announced on April 22, 2021, 51 year old Donald Gene Barbee was sentenced to 28 years state prison for Second Degree Murder. Barbee had previously entered a plea on February 9, 2021. Barbee was sentenced by the Honorable Jennie Kinsey.

On August 13, 2019, the victim's body was discovered wrapped in a blanket and sheet behind a local business. After reviewing some surveillance video, law enforcement discovered that a hummer with an advertisement on it arrived during the night. The video showed Barbee exit the driver's seat and pull a body out of the back of the vehicle, dropping it on the ground prior to leaving the scene. After locating the owner of the vehicle, Barbee was eventually detained. Barbee was in possession of the vehicle to do some maintenance work for the owner. The victim's throat had a deep laceration and his carotid artery, jugular and larynx had all been severed. Barbee and the victim had been residing together at the time of the incident.

Barbee has several prior convictions including Rape, Failure to Register as a Sex Offender, DUI, Failure to Appear and Disorderly Conduct.

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.