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Cleveland County Juries Deliver Guilty Verdicts in Child Abuse, Eluding Trials

[District 21, September 22, 2023 -] Matthew Scott Clifton was convicted by a Cleveland County jury yesterday on one count of Child Abuse for abusing his ex-girlfriend's 18-month-old son in 2019. The child was brought to the hospital after the incident with bruising around his head and a severe skull fracture. The jury recommended a sentence of 15 years in the Department of Corrections.

“Child abuse cases require a team of doctors and law enforcement officers collaborating together to work in the best interest of the child. In this case, the injuries were so severe that he required a team of doctors from multiple disciplines in order to treat those injuries. I want to thank the doctors who treated the child, and the officers at Moore Police Department for investigating his injuries. Their collaboration and care for the child allowed us to bring his case in front of a jury,” says District Attorney Greg Mashburn. “Additionally I always want to highlight my prosecutors who take on such difficult cases. Thank you to Merydith Easter and Beau Dismukes for representing a victim who was unable to speak about his injuries, but deserved justice nonetheless.”

Additionally, a separate jury convicted Jeremy Miller of Endangering Others while Eluding/Attempting to Elude Police Officer on December 5, 2020. Mr. Miller was

following an ambulance after a previous incident in another county. Oklahoma City Police Department Officers were called out to investigate Mr. Miller. Upon arriving, Mr. Miller did not pull over for the officers, rather he sped away going over 100 MPH. Officers were later able to make an arrest.

“We appreciate the OCPD officers who responded to the call and worked to keep the roads safe. When someone eludes law enforcement it can be incredibly dangerous for the officers, and for others on the road,” says District Attorney Greg Mashburn. “Thank you to Prosecutors John Salmon and Anna Day for bringing this case to a jury trial so we may continue to protect our communities.”

Mr. Miller was sentenced to 3 years in the Department of Corrections.

Jury trials are a fundamental part of the criminal justice system. Our office understands that serving as a juror requires you to take time away from your job and family to assess the facts and evidence in a case to make a decision. We thank you for your time and we will update the public if any jury sentencing recommendations are changed.

The District 21 DA's Office serves Cleveland, Garvin, and McClain Counties under District Attorney Greg Mashburn. DA Mashburn's mission is to seek justice, protect communities, and represent those who have been victims of crime.

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