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FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA

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**PRESS RELEASE**

On January 18, 2023, Jared Paul Stanga, 32, entered a plea of no contest to Attempted Kidnapping, Aggravated Assault, and Battery. The maximum penalty is twenty years in State prison. In exchange for Stanga's plea, the State agreed that the maximum prison sentence he could receive is fifteen years.

**ESCAMBIA COUNTY**  
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This agreement was at the request of the victim's mother in order to avoid her daughter from having to testify at trial.

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On May 18, 2021, Stanga attempted to kidnap the 11-year-old girl while she was waiting at her bus stop. The child fought him off and ran away. The Escambia County Sheriff's Office was able to identify and arrest Stanga later that same day.

Jared Stanga will be sentenced by the Honorable Judge John F. Simon on February 14, 2023, at 8:30 a.m. Stanga faces up to fifteen years in prison and the possibility of serving probation upon his release.

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The Escambia County Sheriff's Office conducted the investigation. Assistant State Attorney Erin Ambrose prosecuted the case on behalf of Ginger Bowden Madden, State Attorney for the First Judicial Circuit of Florida. Assistant State Attorney Ambrose may be reached at 850-595-4502.

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