



OFFICE OF STATE ATTORNEY  
GINGER BOWDEN MADDEN  
FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA

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**PRESS RELEASE**

State Attorney Ginger Bowden Madden announces that on July 16, 2021, Demetrius Rashad Mason was convicted by a jury in Santa Rosa County, Florida of Sexual Battery (Force Likely to Cause Serious Personal Injury) and Domestic Battery by Strangulation.

On April 19, 2019, the Defendant broke into the victim's home, physically attacked her, strangled, and sexually battered her.

The Defendant has an extensive criminal history including multiple convictions for violent crimes. The Defendant qualifies as a Prison Releasee Reoffender, which requires a mandatory life sentence. His sentencing hearing is scheduled for October 1, 2021.

Consistent with the position of The Office of the State Attorney, prosecuting attorney, Kari L. Garrett stated, "Crimes of domestic violence and sexual battery will be investigated and prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law."

The investigation and arrest were conducted by the Santa Rosa County Sheriff's Office. Assistant State Attorney Kari L. Garrett prosecuted the case. For further information, please contact Mrs. Garrett at 850-981-5500.