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PRESS RELEASE

On September 20, 2007 a Halifax County Circuit Court jury convicted 41-year old David Hill of aggravated malicious wounding, abduction and firearm offenses and recommended that he serve 28½-years in prison. The charges stem from an incident on December 4th of last year when Hill abducted, held at gunpoint, threatened the life of and severely beat his former girlfriend.

Evidence was presented that the victim suffered a broken nose, broken leg, abrasions and bruises. When the Halifax County Sheriff's Office arrived on the Hillbilly Trail scene, Hill had the victim in the trunk of a car and was pointing a shotgun at her. "I firmly believe that the victim's life was saved by the prompt arrival, swift actions and good judgment of the Sheriff's Office," said Commonwealth's Attorney Kim Slayton White, who prosecuted the case. "This verdict sends a loud message that domestic violence is taken seriously in Halifax County and will be prosecuted and punished to the fullest extent."

The final sentencing date will be held later this fall.