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TO: Media
FROM: Jody Pickens, District Attorney General, 26th Judicial District
RE: Career Criminal Given Lengthy Sentence for Violence Against Citizen and Police Officer

On September 11, 2023, Madison County Circuit Court Judge Kyle Atkins sentenced David Patrick Lauderdale, age 44, of Goodlettsville, Tennessee to 42 years, 11 months, and 28 days in prison for Domestic Assault, Robbery, Aggravated Assault, Felony Evading Arrest, and other crimes that all occurred on April 29, 2021, at a coin laundromat located on 38 Carriage House Drive in Jackson, Tennessee.

During a July 26, 2023, trial where the State of Tennessee was represented by Assistant District Attorney General Bradley F. Champine, evidence showed that the Jackson Police Department dispatched Officer Aaron Sisk to that location because David Lauderdale was chasing a 9-1-1 caller around the business and assaulting her. Lauderdale snatched her phone away as others stood by and watched before he disconnected the phone call and walked out of the building. Officer Sisk arrived just as Lauderdale was leaving and Sisk ordered Lauderdale to stop. Instead, Lauderdale tried to climb into a vehicle and flee. As Officer Sisk attempted to arrest Lauderdale, the defendant resisted, turned on the ignition, and with Officer Sisk reaching into the car to arrest him, placed the vehicle in reverse. Lauderdale floored the accelerator pedal and dragged Sisk across the parking lot, pinning Sisk against his own patrol vehicle and crushing his ribs and hand as well as running over his leg. Lauderdale proceeded to drive backwards down Carriage House Drive, fleeing other officers as they pursued him on foot, ultimately driving into an innocent motorist's vehicle and disabling both vehicles. Lauderdale fled on foot from the crash but was caught as he tried to hide in a restaurant down the street.

At Lauderdale's sentencing hearing, Judge Atkins found Lauderdale to be a career offender. At the time of the offenses, Lauderdale was on probation out of Davidson County for six separate convictions for Aggravated Burglary in 2016. Additionally, Lauderdale had the following prior felony convictions all from Davidson County: Possession of Cocaine with Intent to Sell/Deliver in 1997, 2000, 2004, and 2005, Theft Over \$1,000 in 1997 and Felony Evading Arrest in 2015. Officer Sisk testified at the hearing about his painful injuries and the rehabilitation that it took for him to return to the force and continue to serve.

"This case illustrates the danger that law enforcement faces every day and the courage that is so often displayed in the face of that danger," said District Attorney General Jody Pickens. "This career criminal had no regard for the lives or safety of others and his prior Davidson County felony convictions stand as testaments as to his unwillingness to lead a productive, law-abiding life. He will now be where he deserves to be and that is behind bars for a long time. It would have been better for all involved had the defendant made better choices, but clearly, he did not. God Bless Officer Sisk and the others impacted by this incident."