

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR BLOUNT COUNTY TENNESSEE

STATE OF TENNESSEE

V.

KENNTH WAYNE DEHART JR

C-29339

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**NOTICE OF THE STATE OF TENNESEE OF INTENT TO SEEK LIFE
WITHOUT THE POSSIBILTY TO PAROLE UPON CONVICTION OF
ATTEMPTED FIRST-DEGREE MURDER**

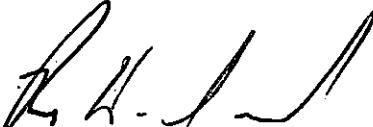
Comes now the State of Tennessee, by and through the office of District Attorney General Ryan K. Desmond, 5th Judicial District, in accordance with Tennessee Code Annotated §39-13-202 and 208 and Rule 12.3 of the Tennessee Rules of Criminal Procedure, and hereby gives notice to the Defendant of its intent to seek imposition of the sentence of Life Without the Possibility of Parole upon a conviction of attempted first degree murder in the above captioned case. In support of this Notice, the State of Tennessee would submit the following:

- Tennessee Code Annotated §39-13-202(d) states, "*a person convicted of attempted first-degree murder may be sentenced to imprisonment for life without the possibility of parole if the court finds the person committed the offense against any law enforcement officer...engaged in the performance of official duties.*"
- The Defendant is charged in Count 1 of the Indictment in the above captioned cases with the First-Degree Murder of Deputy Gregory McCowan of the Blount County Sheriff's Office.

- The Defendant is charged in Count 2 of the Indictment in the above captioned case with the Attempted First-Degree Murder of Deputy Shelby Eggers of the Blount County Sheriff's Office.

The State hereby provides notice that should the Defendant be convicted of either the lesser included offense of Attempted First-Degree Murder in Count 1 or the charged offense of Attempted First-Degree Murder in Count 2, the State of Tennessee will be asking for a finding that the Deputy Greg McCowan and Deputy Shelby Eggers were law enforcement officers engaged in the performance of their official duties at the time of the commission of the offense and is seeking imposition of the sentence of Life Without the Possibility of Parole for each offense.

Respectfully submitted this 13th day of September, 2024.



Ryan K. Desmond
District Attorney General

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that he delivered a true and exact copy of this motion to Stephen Johnson, counsel of record for the defendant, via electronic mail and/or U.S. Postal Service, this 13th of September, 2024.



Ryan K. Desmond
District Attorney General