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## Sentence

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threats toward Campbell. Jordan also said she didn't see Campbell with a gun. However, Jordan's friend, Christine Lockett, said that during the period of the argument she saw Campbell and Jordan holding firearms that looked like an AR-15 style and a TEC-9 style.

Regardless, the heart of the matter was Murray and his friend, Tony Core, bicycled from Murray's residence on Stonewall Street to the convenience store at the corner of Atlanta Avenue and First Street. They picked up some beer at the store, and when getting ready to bike away from where they were in the alley behind the building, a burgundy-colored car drove up.

The driver got out and attempted to point a military-style rifle at the pair and open fire. However, the clip fell to the ground, resulting in what Core described as a click-click-click sound. As Murray and Core took off, they split up. Prosecutors contended that Campbell caught up with Murray and shot at him. Police at the scene found 13 .223-caliber shell casings and 13 9 mm shell casings. Murray was shot eight times, leading to the amputation of his lower right leg.

Of the seven indicted counts, the jury failed to convict on Count Three, aggravated battery. Count Seven, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, was bifurcated from the case at trial because it could have

been prejudicial. Prosecutors chose to drop the charge after the conviction, rather than attempt to try Campbell on it, as well.

Count Two of aggravated assault merged into the attempted murder charge, Count One, at sentencing. Campbell received 30 years for attempted murder and 20 years for aggravated assault, to run concurrently with the attempted murder sentencing. He received five years each for the two counts of possession of a firearm during the commission of a felony, which are set to run consecutively, leading to the total of 40 years in prison.

Across the hall from the Campbell sentencing, Jason Edward McDowell pleaded guilty in a separate matter to one count of second-degree cruelty to children. According to the factual basis for the plea, as read out by Assistant District Attorney Carrie Coleman, on Sept. 22, 2017, Glynn County police responded to a call at the Sleep Inn on New Jesup Highway, where they met the defendant, who said he woke to the child in the room screaming because a household appliance and a jar of jelly fell and struck her.

She was taken to a first, then to a second hospital for specialized care. The indictment indicates the girl suffered a fractured rib and excessive pain, in addition to the bruising and swelling. McDowell admitted to negligence for placing the child in a position to where she could pull the items onto her.

McDowell, 36, received a sentence of five years in prison and five years' probation, with credit for time served.

Clouds are expected to linger over the area, despite dry conditions for the early part of the week. There is a possibility for more rain on Thanksgiving Day and Friday, with the likelihood ranging between 30 and 40 percent.

## Thanks

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the mother of first-grader Caroline, who dressed in a Wampanoag costume for the program. "... I loved all their little speaking parts and their Bible versus and their little prayer. We are thankful."

Caroline, like many of her classmates, rehearsed her lines at home with her family and woke up excited Friday morning for the show.

Parents of the first-grade class spent the week preparing as well. They put together all the decorations and brought food for the traditional Thanksgiving feast that followed the students' performance.

"The kids love it. They're so excited. They're beyond excited," said Katie Widener, a first-grade parent who led the event set-up effort. "They're excited to perform in front of the parents and the grandparents, and it's a tradition."

The tradition dates back de-

cades and began when Charlotte Floyd, who taught first grade at Frederica Academy for more than 30 years and recently retired, started hosting the program every year. The event used to be held on the school's campus, but moved to Epworth in 2003.

The costumes have been passed down through the years, said Erica Cathey, one of the first-grade teachers who has spent the last several weeks teaching the students about the history of Thanksgiving and preparing them for

the performance.

It takes a team effort to pull the event together, she said.

"The parents help with all the food and decorating, and we learn about the Wampanoag and the Pilgrims at school," Cathey said.

The school tradition captures the spirit of Thanksgiving, said Rebecca Pruitt, the lower school principal at Frederica Academy.

"It's just to send the message that it's the season of giving thanks for all the blessings that we have," she said.

## World

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United States through Chicago. Debnath will head west from The Windy City to Los Angeles and make his way up the West Coast to Seattle, cross into Canada and continue all the way up to Alaska. He's expecting to reach the Arctic Circle some time in 2019.

He will conclude his trip by crossing into Siberia from Alaska and working his way down through East Asia, into Australia and going through Bangladesh to get back home.

In each country he visits, Debnath is planting a tree to show his love and gratitude for the country.

"It's a message of peace," Debnath said. "I consider this whole world is my family, and this whole world is my home and all the people are my home."

Not everyone has been receptive to his peaceful message. Debnath said he's been robbed six times and beaten eight times along his journey.

The most perilous time though was when he was caught by the Taliban in Afghanistan and held hostage for 24 days. Debnath said he was captured while traveling between Kabul and Herat

when six people with guns surrounded and started to beat him.

"I forgot how to speak," Debnath said. "My tears were running down my cheeks because they were really hurting me. I tried to explain to them 'Please don't kill me. If you find I am a bad person, you can kill me then but take me with you.'"

Debnath said he was blindfolded and taken to an underground area. He convinced his captors to keep him alive and served as a cook and cleaner. He was eventually let go and allowed to continue his trek.

Not even being held captive could stop Debnath from

viewing the world in a positive light.

"When I'm coming to visit a country, I consider that country as my own country," Debnath said. "Whatever experiences I'm getting, I feel honored. There is more good than bad."

Along with raising awareness, Debnath is hopeful to inspire all people to bring something positive to the world.

"If you delete the words give up from your dictionary, then maybe you can make something different that will maybe make your destiny," Debnath said. "That's the best and positive way we can contribute to our world."

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and transitioning into the drier season. We'll get back to normal temperatures this weekend," Bricker said.



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