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PRESS RELEASE

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(Walton County, Florida) On January 26, 2024, a Walton County Grand Jury indicted 21-year-old, Gunner Cole Harding for one count of First Degree Premeditated Murder, five counts of Attempted First Degree Premeditated Murder and six counts of Shooting At Into or Within an Occupied Vehicle.

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The indictment stems from Cole's actions while visiting the Sandestin area in Walton County, Florida. Numerous victims notified law enforcement of an active shooter situation. Walton County Sheriff's Office deputies responded within minutes and took Mr. Cole into custody. Investigation by Walton County Sheriff's Office determined two persons had been shot, several vehicles received damage, and numerous bullets casings were located throughout the area.

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The investigation is being handled by the Walton County Sheriff's Office. Deputy Chief Assistant State Attorney Josh Mitchell is prosecuting the case on behalf of Ginger Bowden Madden, State Attorney for the First Judicial Circuit.