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MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO KIDNAPPING, SEXUAL BATTERY, ROBBERY CHARGES

State Attorney Melissa Nelson announces today that Brian Eugene Fogarty, 41, of Middleburg, pleaded guilty to a nine count information involving three counts of Kidnapping, two counts of Sexual Battery, one count of Home Invasion Robbery, one count of Grand Theft Auto, and two counts of Armed Robbery. Pursuant to the plea agreement, Fogarty was sentenced by the Honorable Judge Mark Borello to 45 years in Florida State Prison.

On July 24, 2016, Fogarty entered a Jacksonville Beach real estate office and sexually assaulted and kidnapped the agent on duty. Fogarty proceeded to then drive the victim to her home and kidnap her family. From there, he took the agent and her family to area ATMs, withdrew the family's funds and drove them around Jacksonville before fleeing the car and leaving the family Downtown.

The next day, Fogarty forced entry into a female's residence on Jacksonville's Westside, forced her into her vehicle and tied her up in the backseat. He then drove the victim to various Jacksonville ATMs and forced her to withdraw funds so he could purchase drugs from area dealers. After, he drove the victim to Clay County, sexually assaulted her and left her on a dirt road.

He was arrested the following day through the collective effort of multiple law enforcement agencies.

The case was investigated by Jacksonville Beach Police Department and prosecuted by Assistant State Attorneys Rachel Meyers Algee and Adair Newman.

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