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### **JURY FINDS MOORE GUILTY OF TRAFFICKING DRUGS, OTHER CRIMES**

State Attorney Melissa Nelson announces a Duval County jury found Alfonso Moore guilty of Trafficking in Substituted Cathinones while Armed with a Firearm; Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon; Reckless Driving; and Possession of Controlled Substance Paraphernalia. The State has filed its intent to label Moore a Habitual Violent Felony Offender. If granted, Moore faces up to life in Florida State Prison. The Honorable Anthony Salem will sentence Moore at a later date.

On Sept. 3, 2022, a covert officer with the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office was surveilling an area off Arlington Expressway when he observed multiple people approach Moore's vehicle and conduct hand-to-hand transactions through the driver's side window. Moore pulled away from the gas station without a seatbelt on and alerted members of his unit. Shortly after pulling onto Arlington Expressway, a traffic stop was attempted by another officer who was in the area. When the officer got behind Moore, he began to make evasive turns and nearly hit another car in the process. The officer then activated his emergency lights, and Moore sped off and drove into oncoming traffic to elude the officer. The officer ended the pursuit for public safety reasons but continued to canvas the area to search for his car. He went to a nearby apartment complex where he found Moore's vehicle and saw Moore and the person who was in the passenger seat running away. The officer chased Moore, ultimately using his Taser to stop him and take him into custody. During the chase, Moore threw a backpack, which was collected as evidence. A detective found a trafficking amount of narcotics, digital scales, a firearm, and other evidence inside the backpack. Moore is a previously convicted felon and is not legally allowed to possess a firearm.

The case was investigated by the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office and was prosecuted by Assistant State Attorneys Emily Jones and Lee Wingard.