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### **Woman Convicted of Malice Murder**

On Friday, February 24, 2023, a Douglas County jury returned a verdict convicting thirty-two-year-old Jasmine Williams of malice murder, aggravated assault, and felony murder. The prosecution team was led by Assistant District Attorneys Brook Demeke and Nelly Ndounteng. The case was investigated by the Douglas County Sheriff's Office and Superior Court Judge Cynthia Adams presided over the matter.

On October 17, 2020, the Douglas County Sheriff's Office responded to a call, in reference to an assault that had occurred at a residence. When deputies arrived on scene, they found the victim Darzjai Williams (DJ), unresponsive and laying in the front yard with a four-inch-long stab wound to the left side of his chest. Jasmine Williams was sitting under a tree nearby and informed authorities that she had stabbed DJ during an altercation. Paramedics attempted life-saving intervention on the scene but DJ succumbed to his injuries.

Williams was escorted to the sheriff's department and interviewed. She stated that she returned to the residence after work and errands and an argument began between DJ and Williams. The argument soon became a physical altercation. Williams pulled three separate knives on DJ, chased him throughout the house, kicked two doors in, stabbed a bathroom door multiple times, and chased DJ outside the residence where Williams stabbed him in the chest with a butcher knife.

Williams' roommate was interviewed by police and stated that she was able to separate Williams from the victim a couple of times. The roommate even closed and locked the front door to keep Williams from DJ once he left the home. After making it outside the residence, DJ called his cousin for a ride. As he waited outside, the defendant retrieved a butcher knife and went after the victim again, at which time she delivered the fatal blow to the victim's chest.

Law enforcement also interviewed the juveniles and witness who were present during the altercation. They all relayed similar version of Williams attacking the victim with the knife and stabbing him in the chest.

At the time of this incident, Williams was out on bond for an aggravated assault which had occurred two months prior where the defendant had used a knife to threaten a neighbor. The victim in the prior assault was an unrelated party to this incident.

District Attorney Dalia Racine stated, "Our community yet again faces another tragic loss to domestic violence. We have to understand that this interrupts the very fabric of our county. A family has lost a loved one in a violent and senseless act."

After hearing all the evidence and testimony, the jury quickly returned a verdict convicting Jasmine Williams of malice murder, aggravated assault, and felony murder. Williams faces a maximum punishment of life in prison without the possibility of parole Sentencing will be at a later date.

If you or someone you know are a victim of domestic violence, please contact **S.H.A.R.E. HOUSE** at 770-949-0626 or **Douglas County Task Force** at 678-715-1196.