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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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Clayton County District Attorney Tasha M. Mosley announces the conviction of Deanthony Whiteside for the offenses of Felony Murder, Criminal Damage to Property in the First Degree, Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Felony, and Possession of a Firearm by a First Offender Probationer.

During a plea and sentencing hearing, the State, represented by Deputy Chief Assistant District Attorney Jennifer Brooks, presented to the Court that on July 20, 2022, the Clayton County Police Department responded to a restaurant, located in Riverdale, Georgia, in reference to a 911 emergency call that was placed regarding a shooting at the establishment. Based on surveillance video obtained from the restaurant it was clear that the Defendant Deanthony Whiteside and the victim, Mr. Emmanuel Udoh, engaged in a verbal argument regarding the Defendant Whiteside stealing keys belonging to Mr. Udoh. The argument over the keys lasted just over 1 minute before the Defendant produced a .40 caliber firearm from his pants and proceeded to shoot the unarmed victim 9 times inside of the restaurant. Mr. Udoh died as a result of the gunshot wounds he sustained at the hands of the Defendant, who was a stranger to the victim.

Clayton County Superior Court Judge Jewel Scott sentenced the Defendant on January 30, 2024, to life in prison with the possibility of parole.

District Attorney Mosley stated, *"Once again, justice has been served and we hope the citizens of Clayton County can rest easier knowing that we have removed a violent offender from our community. As always, I commend my office on their tireless work to secure justice on behalf of the citizens of Clayton County."*

