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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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Clayton County District Attorney Tasha M. Mosley announces the conviction of Jorge Beltran. A Clayton County jury returned a guilty verdict on July 14, 2023.

On 11/17/2019, during a quinceañera, the defendant Jorge Beltran, started a verbal confrontation with the victim, Juan Perez Salazar. During the trial, the state presented evidence which showed Perez Salazar repeatedly tried to keep the peace. When Beltran pointed a handgun at Perez Salazar's face, he swatted the gun away. Beltran would later punch Perez Salazar in the face and a brief fist fight ensued. While attendees of the quinceañera were trying to break up the fight, Beltran again pointed his gun at Perez Salazar's face and he again swatted the gun away. Beltran then aimed his gun lower and shot an unarmed Perez Salazar once in the lower chest area at close range, killing him. The entire incident was captured on surveillance video and Beltran was quickly identified as the shooter. Despite video evidence showing Beltran as the initial aggressor in the incident, he attempted to claim that he shot an unarmed Perez Salazar in self-defense.

Deputy Chief Assistant District Attorney Kimberly Myers led the State's case with Assistant District Attorney Rekiyah Baker serving as second chair. Investigator Jennifer Langley, Victim Advocate Alona Johnson, as well as Legal Assistant Destiny Campbell played vital roles in the prosecution of this case.

Clayton County Superior Court Judge Jewel C. Scott presided over the trial. Sentencing is set for July 24, 2023.

District Attorney Mosley stated, "Once again we have removed a violent offender from our community and *we hope this conviction brings comfort to the family of Juan Perez Salazar. As always, my office continues to work tirelessly on behalf of all Clayton County citizens.*"

