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Clayton County District Attorney Tasha M. Mosley announces the conviction of David Alan Cannon. A Clayton County jury convicted the defendant of Aggravated Battery and Aggravated Assault.

During the trial, the State proved beyond a reasonable doubt that on February 11, 2020, the defendant maliciously disfigured the head of Demetrius Fosten (the defendant's neighbor) because he thought Mr. Fosten broke into his apartment. It was undisputed that a week prior to the assault, on February 04, 2020, the defendant's apartment was burglarized. Law enforcement never identified a suspect and Mr. Fosten adamantly denied being involved with the burglary. The defendant, however, called Mr. Fosten "the scourge of the apartment complex" and sought revenge. So, on February 11, 2020, when the defendant saw Mr. Fosten approaching the neighborhood bus stop, the defendant assaulted Mr. Fosten with pepper spray and struck him in the head at least five times with a hammer. The defendant testified asserting self-defense. The jury, nevertheless, found the defendant's self-defense claim unreasonable given the facts and circumstances of the case.

The State's case was led by Assistant District Attorney Anyssa Williams, with Assistant District Attorney Lacarrian Blount serving as the secondary prosecutor. Investigator Dwayne Harrison and Victim Advocate Kennedy Smith also played a crucial role in the prosecution of the case. Trial began on June 24, 2024, and the verdict was returned on June 27, 2024. The jury deliberated for less than two hours before they found the defendant guilty of Aggravated Battery and Aggravated Assault.

Clayton County Superior Court Judge Aaron B. Mason presided over the trial and sentenced the Defendant to 20 years with 12 years to serve in confinement, balance probated.

"This conviction is the result of a thorough legal process that has held the defendant accountable for their actions. It is also a reminder that acts of violence and aggression have serious consequences." ~ District Attorney Tasha M. Mosley.



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