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Clayton County District Attorney Tasha M. Mosely announces the conviction of Jermaine Lamarr Harris. A Clayton County jury returned a guilty verdict on Malice Murder (two counts), Felony Murder (two counts), Aggravated Assault (two counts), Aggravated Stalking and Aggravated Battery (3 counts).

During the trial, the State presented evidence showing that in July 2018, the Victim and the Defendant were living separately and in the middle of divorce proceedings. During her decade long relationship with the Defendant, the Victim confided in a few close friends and family members about the Defendant's physical, verbal and financial abuse. At the time of her death, the Victim had an active protective order against the Defendant prohibiting any contact with her.

On July 8, 2018, days before the final divorce hearing, the Victim was brutally murdered in her home. The medical examiner testified that the victim suffered blunt force trauma to the head and body, causing depressed skull fractures, hemorrhaging in the brain, a fractured hyoid bone, and a broken wrist. Detectives obtained the Defendant's cell phone during the investigation. His cell phone placed him in the Victim's home during the time of the murder and a neighbor's surveillance captured the Defendant's vehicle driving away from the Victim's home. Clayton County CSI testified that blood was found on the driver side floormat of the Defendant's vehicle. The State called forensic biologists from the Georgia Bureau of Investigations who testified that the blood found on the Defendant's car mat matched the Victim's DNA.

This case was prosecuted by the Clayton County District Attorney Office Special Victims Unit led by Deputy Chief Assistant District Attorney Rebecca Perez-Espejo. Assistant District Attorney La'Carrian Blount was the secondary prosecutor. Investigator Dwayne Harrison and Victim Advocate Nerissa Sims also played a crucial role in the prosecution of the case. The trial began on January 9, 2023, and the verdict was returned on January 13, 2023. Clayton County Superior Court Judge Aaron B. Mason presided over this case and sentenced the Defendant to Life Without the Possibility of Parole followed by 60 years confinement.

District Attorney Mosley stated, "We sincerely hope that this conviction brings some level of peace to the loved ones of the victim. As citizens, we may all rest just a little easier knowing that a violent offender is off the streets for good. As always, my office will continue to work tirelessly on behalf of all Clayton County citizens."

