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Clayton County District Attorney Tasha M. Mosely announces the conviction of Marvin Owens. A Clayton County jury returned a guilty verdict on Felony Murder, Aggravated Assault and Possession of a Knife During the Commission of a Felony.

During the trial, the State presented evidence showing that on August 31, 2021, Defendant Owens, already enraged because of an earlier altercation with someone else, got into a verbal altercation with the victim. In the verbal altercation, the victim called the Defendant a racial slur. The Defendant responded by stabbing the victim in the neck, cutting into an artery, and ultimately killing him. Despite fleeing the scene for home, changing his clothing, and attempting to clean his knife – Owens was apprehended. He admitted that he was mad and told Officers, “When I get mad, people die.” Owens admitted on the stand that the Victim was not armed and never touched him before Owens stabbed and killed him. Owens tried to claim self-defense, but the jury recognized Owens’s response as excessive and, therefore, not justified.

The State’s case was led by Assistant District Attorney La’Carrian Blount. Assistant District Attorney Cecina Crabtree was the secondary prosecutor. Investigator James Windon and Victim Advocate Kelita Almond also played a crucial role in the prosecution of the case. The trial began on February 20, 2023, and the verdict was returned on February 24, 2023. The jury found the Defendant guilty of Felony Murder, Aggravated Assault, and Possession of a Knife During the Commission of a Felony.

Clayton County Superior Court Judge Shana Rooks-Malone presided over this case and will sentence the Defendant at a later date.

“Once again, justice has been served. My office continues to work tirelessly on behalf of all Clayton County citizens.” ~District Attorney Tasha M. Mosley

