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Clayton County District Attorney Tasha M. Mosley is pleased to announce the conviction of Dantae Lamar Jones in the death of 17-year-old Jalen Camron. A Clayton County jury returned a guilty verdict on malice murder, two counts of felony murder, aggravated assault, possession of a firearm by convicted felon and five counts of Violation of the Georgia Street Gang Terrorism and Prevention Act.

At trial, the State showed that on January 13, 2018, Dantae Jones, a convicted felon and high-ranking member of the Bloods criminal street gang, instructed Camron and several other individuals to get into his vehicle which he then drove to an abandoned home on Apache Lane. Once there Jones ordered Camron out of the vehicle and gunned him down in the presence of the other individuals then fled the scene.

On January 16, 2018, the Fugitives Unit of the Clayton County Police Department located Jones at a hotel in Calhoun, Georgia and took him into custody.

This case was prosecuted by the Clayton County District Attorney Office's newly formed Homicide and Gang Unit led by Deputy Chief Assistant District Attorney Jeff Hawkins. Assistant District Attorney Jamal Williams was second chair, investigation was covered by Major Case Investigator Matt Simonds and the victim's family was supported by Victim Assistance Coordinator Senior Kelita Almond. The trial began on November 10, 2021 and a verdict was returned on November 17, 2021.

Clayton County Superior Court Judge Shana Malone presided over this case and promptly sentenced Jones to life in prison without the possibility of parole.

District Attorney Mosley stated, *"We hope this conviction brings some peace to the family of Mr. Camron and that the citizens of Clayton County and the State of Georgia rest easier knowing that we have removed a violent offender from the streets. My office will continue to work tirelessly on behalf of all Clayton County citizens."*