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Clayton County District Attorney Tasha M. Mosley announces the conviction of Ashanti Dorsey. A Clayton County jury returned a guilty verdict on two counts of Felony Murder, Armed Robbery, Aggravated Assault, and two counts of Possession of a Firearm during the Commission of a Felony.

On December 19, 2018, Mario Edwards was lured to an abandoned apartment in Clayton County. Defendant Ashanti Dorsey along with her co-defendants, Cameron Jones and Kiera Williams immediately began to assault the victim Mario Edwards. Ashanti Dorsey had a handgun and Cameron Jones had a taser as the defendants assaulted Mr. Edwards. The defendants then took his wallet, phone, cash, and car keys. After the defendants robbed Mr. Edwards, Ashanti Dorsey shot Mr. Edwards in the stomach causing him to bleed internally. The defendants then left the abandoned apartment, where Mr. Edwards died alone from the gunshot. Mr. Edwards was found dead in the apartment on December 21, 2018.

Assistant District Attorney's La'Carrian Blount and Travis McDowell prosecuted the case on behalf of the State. Major Case Investigator Dwayne Harrison and Victim Advocates Kennedy Smith and Nerissa Sims played important roles in the prosecution of this case. The trial against Ashanti Dorsey started on October 21, 2024 and concluded on October 25, 2024.

Superior Court Judge Aaron B. Mason presided over the trial and sentenced Ashanti Dorsey to Life in prison with the possibility of parole plus a consecutive five years to serve.

District Attorney Mosley stated, "*This verdict reflects our commitment to ensuring justice and upholding the safety of our community. The sentence serves as a reminder that violent crime has serious consequences in Clayton County.*"

