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Clayton County District Attorney Tasha M. Mosley is pleased to announce the conviction of Michael Emmanuel Brown. A Clayton County jury returned a guilty verdict on aggravated assault family violence, possession of a firearm during commission of a felony, theft by taking, possession of marijuana and possession of a firearm by convicted felony.

Michael Emmanuel Brown was allowed to stay in a room of the basement in the victim's residence in an attempt to assist him during his relocation to the Atlanta area. On July 25, 2019, Brown took possession of property belonging to another resident of the home and refused to return it. Brown then repeatedly insulted and threatened other residents regarding the property before locking himself in the basement of the residence. Those residents asked Brown to return the property, but he vehemently refused. The residents then attempted to recover their property by lawfully entering the basement from an exterior door. As the entry was attempted, Brown discharged his firearm through the door. The residents vacated the immediate area and called law enforcement. Upon the arrival of law enforcement officers, Brown denied being the aggressor, having a gun or discharging a gun. At trial, the evidence showed and the State's argument proved that Brown committed the crimes as charged.

This case was prosecuted by Clayton County Assistant District Attorney Jocelyn Watkins with Deputy Chief Assistant District Attorney Jennifer Brooks as second chair. Investigation was covered by Investigators Geoffrey Holtzclaw and Chad Watkins; victim support was provided by Victim Advocate Megan Eslinger and Victim Assistance Program Supervisor Nerissa Sims. After pretrial motions on Monday, April 11, 2022, the trial began on Wednesday, April 13, 2022. The verdict was returned on Monday, April 18, 2022.

Judge Aaron Mason presided over this case and on Tuesday, April 19, 2022 sentenced Michael Emmanuel Brown to 25 years. He will serve 20 years in custody with the balance served on probation.

District Attorney Mosley stated, "*Justice may not always be swift, but in this case it was definitely achieved. Our team worked diligently to ensure that the victims were supported. My office will continue to work tirelessly on behalf of all Clayton County citizens.*"



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