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Clayton County District Attorney Tasha M. Mosley announces the conviction of Yusuf Minor. A Clayton County jury returned a guilty verdict on Malice Murder, Felony Murder, two counts of Aggravated Assault, and Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Felony.

During the trial, the State presented evidence showing that on February 24, 2022, the defendant Yusuf Minor and the victims, Ja'Leesa May-Carter (deceased) and Alaria Davis-Colter were at the Texaco gas station. The defendant and victims were unknown to one another. While checking out at the Texaco, the defendant left his cell phone on the counter with a \$100-dollar bill in the case. The victims Ja'Leesa May-Carter and Alaria Davis-Colter checked out and took the money from the phone case prior to leaving the gas station. The defendant later confronted the store clerk to review the video surveillance and followed the victims to the apartment complex where he fired multiple rounds at the victims as they ran away. Ja'Leesa was discovered by Alaria on the back patio of an apartment later that afternoon. Ja'Leesa was determined to be deceased on scene.

Chief Assistant District Attorney Zina B. Pitts and Senior Assistant District Attorney Jocelyn Watkins led the State's case. Investigators Khalil Rajahn and James Windon, as well as Victim Advocate Maria Dillard played vital roles in the prosecution of this case. The trial began on January 22, 2024 and concluded on January 26, 2024.

Senior Judge Arch McGarity presided over the trial and sentenced the defendant on January 26, 2024 to life in prison with the possibility of parole, plus a consecutive 25 years in prison.

District Attorney Mosley stated, *"Once again, justice has been served and we have removed a violent offender from our community. We hope this conviction brings peace to the love ones of Ms. May-Carter and Ms. Davis-Colter. As always, I commend my office on their tireless work to secure justice on behalf of the citizens of Clayton County."*

