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Clayton County District Attorney Tasha M. Mosley announces the conviction of Zydarius Brewer, Braylen Staples, Terrance Woods, and Rahim Sykes. Each defendant was charged with Criminal Attempt to Commit Armed Robbery, Aggravated Assault, Aggravated Battery, and Possession of a Firearm during the Commission of a Felony.

On October 23, 2020, the four defendants snuck into the freshman dormitory on campus and spent the night with female students. The following morning, however, the defendants decided to rob another student before leaving campus. The defendants robbed the victim in his dorm at gunpoint. Defendants Braylen Staples, Terrance Woods, and Rahim Sykes were the gunmen, while Zydarius Brewer served as the lookout and getaway driver. The defendants fired one shot during the robbery—striking the victim in his back—leaving him paralyzed from his waist down. Defendants Braylen Staples, Terrance Woods, and Rahim Sykes pled guilty, while defendant Zydarius Brewer was convicted by a jury of his peers.

The State's case was led by Assistant District Attorney Anyssa Williams with Assistant District Attorney Rachel Lairmore serving as the secondary prosecutor. Investigator James Windon, Victim Advocate Nerissa Sims, and Legal Assistant Sherita Smitherman also played crucial roles in the prosecution of this case. The trial began on February 24, 2025, and the verdict was returned on February 26, 2025.

Clayton County Superior Court Judge Shana Rooks Malone presided over the trial and has scheduled sentencing for a later date.

District Attorney Mosley stated, *"The defendant's actions were not only reckless, but also a blatant violation of the safety and security that college students deserve. Such acts have no place in our community."*

