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Clayton County District Attorney Tasha M. Mosley announces the conviction of Zion Humphreys. A Clayton County jury returned a guilty verdict on Malice Murder, Felony Murder, and Aggravated Assault.

At trial, the State presented evidence showing that on May 16, 2020, the Defendant Zion Humphreys posted a message on Instagram threatening the victim Jayla King over money owed to him. Later that day, King picked up Humphreys and drove him to an apartment complex in Jonesboro, GA. The Defendant shot King four times in her torso and chest while inside of her vehicle. King sustained fatal gunshot wounds that perforated her heart. The case was investigated by Clayton County Police and surveillance video showed Humphreys near the crime scene minutes after the shooting.

The State's case was prosecuted by Deputy Chief Assistant District Attorney Rebecca Perez-Espejo and Assistant District Attorney Rekiyah Baker. Investigator Jennifer Langley and Victim Advocate Alona Johnson also played a crucial role in the prosecution of the case. The trial began on October 30, 2023, and the verdict was returned on November 3, 2023.

Clayton County Superior Court Judge Jewel Scott presided over the case. Sentencing has been scheduled for November 7, 2023.

District Attorney Mosley stated, *"We hope this conviction brings peace to the family and friends of Ms. King. We also hope the citizens of Clayton County can rest easier knowing we were able to remove a violent offender from our community. As always, my office continues to work tirelessly on behalf of all Clayton County citizens."*

