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Clayton County District Attorney Tasha M. Mosley announces the conviction of Defendant Victor Laray Isom, Jr. The defendant was convicted by a Clayton County jury of Felony Murder, Possession of a Firearm by a First Offender Probationer, and Possession of a Firearm during the Commission of a Felony.

On August 24, 2023, the defendant exited a gas station at a high rate of speed, almost striking Jovan Cook's Mercedes. Jovan Cook honked his horn at the defendant, and the two men briefly exchanged words. The defendant reacted by firing two shots at Jovan Cook before leaving the scene. Cook sustained one gunshot wound to the head and succumbed to his injuries on August 29, 2023.

The State's case was led by Assistant District Attorney Anyssa Williams with Assistant District Attorney Anthony McKee serving as the secondary prosecutor. Investigator Chad Watkins and Victim Advocate Candice Brown also played crucial roles in the prosecution of the case. The trial began on May 20, 2025, and the verdict was returned on May 22, 2025, after the jury deliberated for 75 minutes.

Senior Judge Robert Mumford presided over the trial and sentenced the defendant to life without the possibility of parole plus five years to serve in confinement.

District Attorney Mosley stated, "We hope this conviction offers some measure of solace to the family of Mr. Cook. This conviction also reaffirms our unwavering commitment to pursuing justice and holding individuals accountable for their actions."





