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Clayton County District Attorney Tasha M. Mosley announces the conviction of Jasmine Kirk. On January 16, 2025, a Clayton County jury returned a guilty verdict on Malice Murder, Felony Murder, 2 counts of Aggravated Assault, and 2 counts of Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Felony.

During the trial, the State presented evidence showing that in the early morning of June 19, 2020, the defendant Jasmine Kirk fatally shot the victim Mary Branch at the Waffle House located at 8765 Tara Boulevard, as Ms. Branch sat in her car waiting on her order. Multiple witnesses were present and identified the defendant as the shooter and were able to provide law enforcement with a description of the defendant's vehicle, which ultimately led to her capture. There was no evidence to support that the defendant and Ms. Branch had an altercation prior to the shooting and no evidence to support that they knew each other. Witnesses testified that the defendant just walked up to Ms. Branch with a "purplish" gun, fired three shots, all striking Ms. Branch, casually got back in her vehicle, and fled the scene. The State presented evidence that the defendant admitted to "smoking something" prior to the shooting and claimed she did not remember anything. The State was able to show that after the shooting the defendant made very sober attempts to hide any evidence of her crime, but was unsuccessful. Jonesboro Police Department, was able to track the defendant, and retrieve evidence to aid the State's case.

Deputy Chief Assistant District Attorney Nigel H. Hunter and Chief Assistant District Attorney Zina B. Pitts led the State's case. Investigator Khalil Rajahn, as well as Victim Advocate Maria Dillard played vital roles in the prosecution of this case. The trial began on January 13, 2025, and concluded on January 16, 2025. Senior Judge David Irwin presided over the trial and sentenced the defendant on January 16, 2025, to life in prison with the possibility of parole plus 10 years.

District Attorney Mosley stated, "We hope this conviction brings peace to the family of Ms. Branch and the citizens of Clayton County can rest easier. As always, I commend my office on their tireless work to secure justice on behalf of all Clayton County citizens."

