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Clayton County District Attorney Tasha M. Mosley announces the conviction of Tammare Elaine Lawrence. A Clayton County jury returned a guilty verdict on all counts in the indictment: Malice Murder, Felony Murder, Aggravated Assault, and Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Felony.

During the trial, the State presented evidence showing officers were called to a home in Riverdale where they found the victim, Stanley Lawrence, a retired police officer with Atlanta Police Department, deceased from a gunshot wound to the chest. Officers located a firearm on a nearby table and asked the defendant about the weapon and she confirmed it was hers. Detectives interviewed witnesses, including members of the defendant's family, and learned she called a relative and admitted she had shot the victim. Detectives learned the victim served nearly 30 years in law enforcement, and after retirement returned to the Atlanta Police Department's Police Athletic League Program. Stanley Lawrence was beloved by his family, fellow law enforcement officers, as well as communities in Jesup, Georgia and Chattanooga, Tennessee where he was a standout basketball player for the UT-Chattanooga Mocs.

Chief Assistant District Attorney Zina Pitts and Senior Assistant District Attorney Jamal Williams prosecuted the case on behalf of the State. Investigator Dwayne Harrison and Victim Advocate Carla Dixon played vital roles in the prosecution of the case. The trial began on Monday August 14, 2023, and concluded Thursday August 17, 2023, after the jury, who deliberated for 34 minutes, returned a guilty verdict on all four counts in the indictment.

Clayton County Superior Court Judge Aaron B. Mason presided over the trial and sentenced the defendant to serve a maximum sentence of life, with the possibility of parole, with five years to run consecutive.

District Attorney Mosley stated, "*We hope the conviction of this crime brings some form of peace to the family of Mr. Lawrence. We will continue to work tirelessly on behalf of all Clayton County citizens.*"

