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Clayton County District Attorney Tasha M. Mosley announces the conviction of Rhonda Tucker. A Clayton County jury returned a guilty verdict on 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 that, in the early morning hours of May 27, 2021, Clayton County Police responded to a shooting at a house on River Road in Jonesboro, Georgia. When officers arrived they located the defendant's husband, Bryan Tucker deceased on the floor of the master bedroom with multiple gunshot wounds. Police located the murder weapon, a 9 mm handgun, in the kitchen and the defendant was taken into custody on scene.

The investigation revealed that, just before the shooting, the defendant Rhonda Tucker, woke the victim to confront him about a social media post. An argument ensued, during which the victim called a mutual friend, who remained on speakerphone throughout the couple's argument. During that call, the friend listened as the defendant escalated the argument and armed herself with a firearm, as the victim asked the defendant, "What are you gonna do, shoot me?" The friend heard the defendant continue to escalate the argument until she ultimately shot her unarmed husband multiple times. An autopsy revealed that victim sustained five gunshot wounds, all from behind.

Deputy Chief Assistant District Attorney Jennifer Brooks led the State's case with Assistant District Attorney Breanna McKnight serving as second chair. Major Case Investigator Khalil Rajahn and Victim Advocate Nerissa Sims played vital roles in the prosecution of this case. The trial began on Monday March 18, 2024, and concluded Thursday March 21, 2024.

Clayton County Superior Court Chief Judge Robert L. Mack presided over the trial and sentenced the defendant to life in prison without the possibility of parole plus an additional 5 years.

District Attorney Mosley stated, "Violence should never be the answer in a dispute and I hope this conviction brings some form of peace to the Tucker family, As always, I commend my office on their tireless work to secure justice on behalf of all Clayton County citizens."





