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Clayton County District Attorney Tasha M. Mosley announces a guilty plea prior to trial case of the State vs Keiwania Alexander, Jiquez Alexander, and Lakeith Boswell.

On the night of April 30, 2022, the defendants were walking around the Clayton Village Mobile Home Community. Residents saw them trying to pull on handles and enter any car or home that may have been left unlocked. The defendants made it to the end of the street where they happened upon the two victims who were simply hanging out on their front porch.

The defendants held both victims at gunpoint and demanded their belongings. Victim Sonia Villegas-Cervantes grabbed a small glass bottle from the ground in an attempt to defend herself. However, the defendants, instead of leaving, immediately started shooting at her multiple times. Prior to emergency service arriving, Villegas - Cervantes died on the scene. The second victim was shot in the leg, but was able to recover from their injury. The defendants took valuables from the victims and ran off into the surrounding woods. All 4 of these individuals were specifically identified through further investigation. After each of their arrests, each defendant gave a mirandized statement where they incriminated themselves, and the others.

Assistant District Attorney Jill Hartsfield led the State's case with Assistant District Attorney Kyle Gifford serving as second chair. Major Case Investigator Khalil Rajahn and Victim Advocate Maria Dillard played vital roles in this case. The trial began on Monday October 14, 2024, but the defendants entered a guilty plea prior to opening statements on Tuesday October 15, 2024.

Clayton County Superior Court Chief Judge Robert L. Mack presided over the trial and sentenced Jiquez Alexander and Keiwania Alexander to 45 years to serve 30 years in prison. Lakeith Boswell was sentenced to life in prison with the possibility of parole.

District Attorney Mosley stated, *"I hope the guilty plea provides a measure of justice and closure, allowing the family and the community to begin the healing process. As always, we will remain committed to upholding justice and ensuring the safety of Clayton County."*

