

JEFFREY HAZELWOOD SENTENCED FOR THE BRUTAL MURDER OF TWO ROSWELL TEENS



Both Victims Suffered Fatal Gunshot Wounds to Their Heads

Monday, May 22, 2017

Atlanta- Fulton County District Attorney Paul L. Howard, Jr. announces 20-year-old Jeffrey Hazelwood has been sentenced for his role in the shooting deaths of 17-year-olds Natalie Henderson and Carter Davis. The defendant, Hazelwood, pled guilty but mentally ill to charges of two counts of Murder, three counts of Felony Murder, two counts of Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon, Aggravated Sexual Battery, Financial Card Theft, Identity Fraud, two counts of Possession of a Firearm During Commission of a Felony, Theft by Taking and two counts of Aggravated Assault.

During the early morning of August 1, 2016, Roswell Police discov-

ered the deceased bodies of 17-year-old Carter Davis and 17-year-old Natalie Henderson behind a Publix Super Market on Woodstock Road in Roswell. Both victims suffered fatal gunshot wounds to the head.

After reviewing surveillance video from cameras mounted around the shopping center, police discovered a man arrive at the homicide scene exactly one minute after the teens. Detectives identified Hazelwood after observing his Honda Passport on surveillance video with distinctive damage to the rear fender. Police subsequently apprehended the defendant. He confessed to the murders a day later.

Following Hazelwood's guilty plea, Fulton County Superior Court Judge Shawn Ellen LaGrua sentenced

the defendant to two consecutive life in prison without the possibility of parole sentences. The District Attorney's Office initially sought the death penalty against Hazelwood based upon the heinous nature of the murders. However, after reviewing the extensive mental history of the defendant and a number of discussions with the families of both victims, our office concluded that life without the possibility of parole was the appropriate sentence in this case. Executive Assistant District Attorney Linda Dunikoski prosecuted this case with the assistance of Fulton County District Attorney's Office Investigator Michael Green. Detective Jennifer Bennett from the Roswell Police Department was the lead investigator.

NEW ZONE 5 COMMUNITY PROSECUTOR



Assistant District Attorney Niaa C. Daniels is a dual degree graduate from Georgia State University College of Law and Georgia State University Andrew Young School of Policy Studies. In addition to obtaining her Juris Doctor, ADA Daniels secured her Masters in Public Administration to better understand government agencies, policies, and non-profit organizations. She is licensed to practice law in the states of Georgia and New York.

ADA Daniels' past experience includes clerking for the Honorable Justice Benham of the Georgia Supreme Court, serving as a student attorney for the DeKalb County Public Defenders Office, as well as working with H.J. Russell Enterprises' General Counsel. ADA Daniels serves in several professional organizations including the Georgia Association of Black Women Attorneys (GABWA) and the American Association for Justice. She is a proud recipient of several scholarships and awards such as

the GABWA Foundation Scholarship, the Gate City Hall of Fame Scholar Award, and the Ronald J. Freeman Opportunity Scholarship.

To ensure she is upholding the legacy of those who have invested in her success. ADA Daniels has worked hard to pursue opportunities that not only further her career, but also allow her to serve people. ADA Daniels graduated Magna Cum Laude from the University at Albany located in Albany, New York. During undergraduate school she was honored as a distinguished leader for founding the NIA A.L.A.N.A. Scholarship. NIA means purpose in Kiswahili. Inspired by her own financial setbacks, she wanted to honor and assist students who too experienced hardship yet still exhibited their purpose at the University. Recipients represent African American, Latin, Asian, and Native American (A.L.A.N.A.) descent. The scholarship has been distributed to four undergraduate students annually since spring of 2012. ADA Daniels is excited to join the Zone 5 family, and begin what she is optimistic will be a fulfilling, impactful relationship with community leaders and Zone 5 citizens.



A Publication from the Fulton County District Attorney's Office

HUNDREDS OF FULTON COUNTY RESIDENTS ATTEND CITIZENS' TOWN HALL ON RISING JUVENILE CRIME

State and County Leaders Discuss Recommendations for Improvement



December 14, 2016

Atlanta- In an unprecedented event, more than a dozen elected officials and hundreds of Fulton County residents converged under one roof at Cascade United Methodist Church to discuss how to change the increasing juvenile crime problems in Fulton County. Sandy Springs State Representative and Judiciary Committee Chairman Wendell Willard, Reverend Lawrence L. Young, Senior Pastor at Cascade United Methodist Church, along with Fulton County District Attorney Paul L. Howard, Jr. hosted the town hall meeting in response to an increase in juvenile crime.

3. Additional funding for the Department of Behavioral and Developmental Disabilities and Adolescent Forensic Services to ensure that juveniles are afforded adequate behavioral and forensic services
4. Establish a Community Risk Reduction Panel to develop an intervention plan for youth who have been adjudicated delinquent in three or more separate cases and;
5. Develop a Juvenile Offenders Coordination Council comprised of Public Officials who would draft a mandatory intervention plan when a child has been found to be delinquent in ten or more cases.

"We are tired of mourning for the families of victims murdered at the hands of juveniles in Fulton County. We recognize there needs to be a form of intervention before misdemeanor juvenile crimes escalate to very serious crimes. The presence of our elected officials at Cascade United Methodist Church shows the willingness to create laws that, not only keep Fulton County safe, but help to turn these juvenile offenders into productive Citizens," said Fulton County District Attorney Paul L. Howard, Jr.



The program, "Our Children, Juvenile Justice and the Community - The Analysis and Healing begins at Cascade United Methodist Church," addressed the juvenile point system, juvenile delinquency and competency proceedings in Fulton County, along with recommendations on how to reduce juvenile crime in our community. The proposed recommendations include:

1. Requiring that juveniles charged with certain felony offenses, who have prior pending charges, or who are currently on probation be brought before the Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court before release;
2. Amendments to the Juvenile Competency Statute including a requirement that juveniles who are found to be incompetent be released only to an authorized residential treatment facility;

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COURTWATCH ANNUAL TRAINING
Saturday, August 19, 2017
Registration and Refreshments 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM
Program 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
(Program will begin promptly at 10:00 AM)
136 Pryor Street SW Atlanta, Georgia 30303

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SCHEDULED EVENT

The Citizens' CourtWatch program provides citizens with an understanding of the Fulton County Criminal Justice System. CourtWatch encourages the community to actively participate in the judicial process by attending and (possibly) providing a community impact statement during criminal court proceedings.

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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

MIME DANCER BRUTALLY GUNNED DOWN AFTER BEING MISTAKEN FOR RIVAL GANG MEMBER

ZONE 4

Defendants Fired 59 Shots at Victim, 27 Rounds Fired from AK-47

Thursday, May 4, 2017

Atlanta- Fulton County District Attorney Paul L. Howard, Jr. announces guilty verdicts in the case against four Atlanta Gang Members. Jurors returned guilty verdicts Wednesday, May 3, against 29-year-old Durrell Marco Muse, 31-year-old Tequila Denae Forehand, 23-year-old Darius Harris, and 19-year-old Jujuane Harris, upon charges of Participation in Criminal Street Gang Activity, Murder, Criminal Attempt to Commit Murder, Felony Murder, Aggravated Assault, and related gun charges.

On September 23, 2014, 31-year-old Antonio Clements unwittingly drove into a gang ambush at the Chevron gas station located at Campbellton Road and Stanton Road in Atlanta. The four defendants, along with other named and unnamed co-conspirators arrived at the store in two separate vehicles, armed

with an AK-47 automatic rifle and multiple handguns, minutes before the victim approached the gas station parking lot. The defendants were caught on surveillance video conspiring with one another minutes before the brutal murder. As the victim drove into the parking lot, witnesses heard one of the assailants yell "there they go!" and the victim's car was met with a barrage of gunfire. Over 59 shots were fired at the victim. His car was hit 9 times, and the car of a passerby was struck with gunfire as well. The victim died of a gunshot wound to the neck, from an AK-47 rifle. Detectives discovered Clements was mistaken for a rival gang member.

Crime stoppers tips and APD investigations led to suspects nicknamed "Mambo," "Diablo," and "Shooter." Further investigation led to the apprehension of Darius Harris a.k.a. "Diablo" and

Jujuane Harris a.k.a. "Mambo," as two assailants from one of the suspect vehicles; and Durrell Muse, Tequila Forehand, and Frederick Rosenau as assailants from the second suspect vehicle. Rosenau will be tried on a separate date and remains in jail on an unrelated murder.

Fulton County Superior Court Judge Jerry Baxter is scheduled to sentence the defendants Friday morning at 10 a.m. in Courtroom 1C of the Fulton County Superior Courthouse. The case was prosecuted by Fulton County District Attorney Gang Unit Deputy District Attorney Adriane Love and Assistant District Attorney Ryan Piechocinski. Fulton County District Attorney Investigator E. Nesmith assisted in the case. Atlanta Police Department Detective Summer Benton was the lead investigator.

DEFENDANT SENTENCED TO LIFE PLUS 25 YEARS IN MURDER

ZONE 5

Victim Shot & Killed Attempting to Retrieve Stolen BMW

Tuesday, March 28, 2017

Atlanta- Fulton County District Attorney Paul L. Howard, Jr. announces the conviction by jury trial of an Atlanta man. The jury returned a guilty verdict against 19-year-old Tellisavoris Floyd upon charges of Murder, three counts of Felony Murder, two counts of Armed Robbery, three counts of Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon, Hijacking a Motor Vehicle, and Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Felony.

On December 4, 2015, the victim, 17-year-old Sean Turner drove to Atlanta from LaGrange, Georgia to visit a lifelong friend, Stephen Thomas. Turner had recently purchased a 1997 5 Series BMW with money earned from a summer job. After he arrived in Atlanta, Turner and Thomas decided to buy marijuana. The

two men traveled to meet a third individual, who was known to sell drugs. That individual informed Turner and his friend that he did not have any marijuana but told the men he could show them where they could buy the drugs. When the three men arrived at the new location, two additional individuals, Floyd and his co-defendant, Cornelius Seabrum, were introduced to Turner and his friend.

Floyd and Seabrum entered the back seats of the BMW and gave Turner directions to what was believed to be the place to buy marijuana. However, the two defendants placed their arms around Turner and his Thomas' neck and placed guns to their head. The two victims were forced to hand over the car keys, their cell phones, and violently removed from the vehicle. The defendants sped off but stopped at a nearby red traffic light where

Turner ran to the vehicle, opened the driver's side door and attempted to retrieve his BMW. At that time, Turner was shot in the abdomen. A witness to the murder immediately dialed 911. Turner was pronounced dead upon arrival to Atlanta Medical Center. Subsequently, Floyd and Seabrum were arrested.

Following Floyd's conviction, Fulton County Superior Court Judge Kimberly Esmond Adams sentenced the defendant to Life in prison plus 25 years. Seabrum will be tried at a later date. Senior Assistant District Attorney Adam Abbate and Zone 5 Community Prosecutor Nia Daniels prosecuted the case with the assistance of Senior Investigator Tessa Bowers. Detective Darrin Smith was the lead investigator.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

FULTON COUNTY GRAND JURY INDICTS TEX MCIVER

ZONE 5

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Defendant Charged with Malice Murder and Six Other Counts

Thursday, April 27, 2017

Atlanta- Fulton County District Attorney Paul L. Howard, Jr. announces after several weeks of evidence presentation, that a Fulton County Grand Jury has returned an indictment charging Claud "Tex" McIver, III with Malice Murder and six other counts in the September 25, 2016, shooting death of his wife, Landa Diane McIver.

As a result of the indictment, the Grand Jury issued a "No Bond" warrant for McIver's Arrest. McIver will be assigned to a Fulton County Superior Court Judge within the next several days and appear at a Court arraignment a short time later.

In addition to the Murder charges, McIver was also indicted for his efforts to unlawfully influence witnesses in this case. The punishment for the three Influencing Witnesses counts is two to ten years in prison for each count.

PROMINENT BUCKHEAD ART DEALER SENTENCED FOR NEARLY HALF MILLION DOLLAR THEFT FULLY REIMBURSES ARTISTS

ZONE 2

Wednesday, May 31, 2017

Victim: "I am pleased that Lowe will be held responsible and not able to take advantage of his artists again."

Atlanta- After more than a decade of stealing from artists located across the world, 63-year-old William "Bill" Lowe has submitted his final payment of restitution to the Fulton County District Attorney's office. The DA's office will then send the restitution checks to each artist. Lowe was sentenced on April 18th, 2017 for stealing almost \$500,000.00 from 10 artists across the Nation and one from Germany. Lowe pled guilty to a single charge of felony Theft by Conversion.

In 2012 an artist in New York, Donald Sultan, reported to the Atlanta Police Department that Lowe, an internationally recognized art dealer, stole over \$10,000.00 from him. The artist had entrusted numerous paintings to Lowe and his gallery, Bill Lowe Gallery, to sell on his behalf. Lowe sold at least three of his paintings but never paid the artist for the sales.

The Atlanta Police Department's Major Fraud Unit conducted an investigation that proved for well over a decade Lowe stole over a half-million

dollars from at least 11 artists by selling their works of art and pocketing the artists' portion of the proceeds. Financial and other records obtained by the police show that Lowe sold dozens and dozens of paintings and used the money due the artists to fund what appeared to be a lavish and successful lifestyle. Additionally, Lowe used the money to fund his gallery.

Bank statements collected during the investigation revealed that in a three (3) year time span, Lowe used money from the Gallery's Operating Account to make \$69,000.00 worth of mortgage payments, spent \$3,500.00 to maintain a property in North Carolina, and withdrew \$170,000.00 for personal use. Under Georgia Law, Lowe is required to pay the artist before using the proceeds to pay for any of his expenses, unless the artist expressly agrees otherwise in writing. The Fulton County District Attorney's White Collar Crime Unit spent several years in its investigation and prosecution of the thefts committed by Lowe.

After Lowe's sentencing, one of the artists shared his thankfulness with the Fulton County District Attorney's office. "I just wanted to thank you for staying with this case and seeing that justice has been served. In addition to the money, I am pleased that Lowe will be held responsible

and not able to take advantage of his artists again," said Mark Perlman.

Lowe acknowledged his wrongdoing in a written statement before Fulton County Superior Court Judge Ural Glanville.

"I acknowledge that artists relied upon me to receive payment from the proceeds of sales from the artwork. I further acknowledge that I did not fully reimburse the artists in a timely fashion as required. Finally, I am making all of the artists whole and I am glad to be able to do so at this time," said Lowe.

Following Lowe's guilty plea, Judge Glanville sentenced the defendant to ten (10) years probation. Lowe was required to pay \$256,514.92 upfront into an escrow account for full remaining restitution to these artists, and he must successfully complete 750 hours of community service. The case was prosecuted by members of the Fulton County District Attorney's White Collar Division, Chief Assistant District Attorney Brad Malkin with the assistance of Assistant District Attorney Kamron Mitchell, and Investigator Gustavus Griffin. Investigator Kenneth Stapler from the Atlanta Police Department's Major Fraud Unit was the lead detective.