



PRESS RELEASE

Killer Receives 60 Years for Manslaughter

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Bryan TX — Today, Deryl Jackson, Jr. was sentenced to 60 years in prison by the 85th District Court Jury for the offense of Manslaughter. Jackson was convicted by the jury on Wednesday, November 3rd.

On July 5, 2019, Bryan Police were dispatched to the home of Jackson's mother upon reports of a stabbing. Police found the victim, Jevelle Kinney, with two knife wounds to the chest. Witnesses told police that the victim, the defendant's brother-in-law, was high on PCP and causing a disturbance by yelling and banging on vehicles. One of the defendant's sisters called the defendant to come over to the house to take their brother-in-law away from the house. Witnesses stated that when the defendant arrived, he became enraged at the victim, grabbed a knife from the kitchen, and chased him down the street. When the defendant caught the victim, he stabbed him in the chest. The defendant then fled the scene with another family member prior to police arriving. Jury selection was held on October 25, 2021, but the start of testimony was delayed until Monday, as multiple eyewitnesses — who were related to the defendant — disregarded their subpoenas to appear for court. After they failed to appear, Judge Hawthorne issued warrants for the arrest of the witnesses after they failed to appear to testify. The Bryan Police Department, The Texas Department of Public Safety, Harris County Sheriff's Office, Harris County District Attorney's Office, and Brazos County District Attorney's Office worked together to arrest the witnesses and enforce the court's subpoena.

During punishment, the jury heard testimony that the defendant had previously been sentenced to prison for Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon, Possession with Intent to Deliver PCP, Unlawful Possession of a Firearm by a Felon, Possession with Intent to Deliver cocaine. Prosecutors also presented evidence that the defendant had previously stabbed another victim in an argument and shot a third victim. This case was investigated by the Bryan Police Department.

“Deryl Jackson consciously disregarded the life of Jevelle Kinney and the well-being of countless other victims across this county. The jury recognized that the best protection for this community was to ensure that Deryl Jackson never is free to harm another individual again.” -Brian Price & Jessica Escue, Assistant District Attorneys

