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(Jackson, MS) Hinds County District Attorney Jody E. Owens II announces the conviction and sentencing of Kaylan Owens on the charges of Second-Degree Murder and accessory after the fact on the eve of trial.

On October 23, 2022, Owens participated in an armed carjacking which resulted in the shooting death of Terrell Jenkins. Owens was indicted for First-Degree murder. Two other individuals alleged to have participated in the crime, including the alleged shooter, were also indicted for First-Degree Murder and are awaiting trial.

In a separate but related case, Owens was indicted for accessory after the fact to murder. In that case, Owens was charged with assisting two other individuals conceal their crime following the November 25, 2022, shooting death of 12-year-old, Markell Noah.

Owens' murder trial was set to begin yesterday morning; however, Owens changed her plea to guilty prior to jury selection. For her participation in the carjacking that resulted in the death Terrell Jenkins, Owens was sentenced to twenty-two (22) years in the custody of the Mississippi Department of Corrections (MDOC) with five (5) years suspended. Pursuant to Mississippi law, Owens will serve the entirety of her seventeen (17) year sentence. On the charge of accessory after-the-fact in the murder of Markell Noah, Owens was sentenced to ten (10) years in the custody of the MDOC.

“Provided the multiple levels of culpability Ms. Owens has in each case, I am proud of the sentencing,” DA Owens said following the proceeding. “Strategically, this development strengthens the cases against the alleged shooters charged in these cases.

The indictments in these matters are public records and are attached hereto.

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