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(Jackson, MS) Hinds County District Attorney Jody E. Owens II announces the guilty verdict in the trial of Michael Greene who was found guilty of Capital Murder and Felon in Possession of a firearm.

On November 18, 2021, officers with the Jackson Police Department (JPD) responded to 2100 Raymond Road following the report of a shooting. Upon arrival, officers discovered the body of Steven Woods who was killed by an apparent gunshot wound to the neck. The victim's girlfriend, who witnessed the shooting, was on the scene and provided assistance to the investigation. A detective team from JPD's Robbery Homicide Division was assigned to the case. During the course of their investigation, detectives identified Michael Greene, and two others as suspects in the murder. The investigation determined that the trio arranged to meet Woods in furtherance of a drug transaction, during which they planned to rob Woods.

Following a five-day jury trial, Greene was found guilty on all counts. Greene was sentenced to life in the custody of the Mississippi Department of Corrections without the possibility of reduction or parole.

"I am proud of the hard work of our prosecutors and investigators in pursuing and obtaining justice for the victim's family," DA Owens said following the verdict. "Our office has made inquiries with the Department of Corrections to determine how this individual was released from prison four years into a mandatory ten-year sentence."

On December 21, 2017, Greene was convicted, in Hinds County Circuit Court, of possession of a firearm and sentenced, as a habitual offender, to a mandatory ten-year sentence. However, on August 17, 2020, Greene was referred by the trial court for parole consideration which was granted on October 6, 2020, less than four years into his mandatory ten-year sentence.

The indictment in this matter is public record and attached hereto.

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