



## **Attorney General Steve Marshall Successfully Defends Morgan County Murder Conviction**

(MONTGOMERY) – Attorney General Steve Marshall announced that the Alabama Court of Criminal Appeals affirmed the murder conviction of Shadeed Abdul Fuqua, 31, of Decatur. Fuqua was convicted in Morgan County Circuit Court on October 21, 2021, for the intentional murder of his cousin, Jermaine Cardell Jones.

The evidence at trial showed that on November 21, 2019, residents of the Decatur Place Apartments heard gunshots and then observed Fuqua shooting at Jermaine Cardell Jones numerous times while the victim was laying on the ground. It was later established that Fuqua fired some thirteen rounds at Jones, who died from the shooting. Fuqua was subsequently identified and arrested by law enforcement authorities.

Morgan County District Attorney Scott Anderson’s office successfully prosecuted this case and obtained a guilty verdict. Fuqua was sentenced as a habitual felony offender to life imprisonment without the possibility for parole for his crime. Fuqua sought to have his conviction reversed on appeal.

The Attorney General's Criminal Appeals Division handled the case during the appeals process, arguing for the Alabama Court of Criminal Appeals to affirm Fuqua’s conviction. The Court did so in a decision issued Friday, September 30, 2022.

“Shadeed Fuqua murdered his cousin, Jermaine Jones, by shooting him until he fell upon the ground and he continued to fire his pistol at Jones until his clip was empty,” said Attorney General Marshall. “Despite his efforts to evade justice, Fuqua’s conviction and life-without-parole sentence remain in effect to ensure he will answer for his crime.”

Attorney General Marshall commended Assistant Attorney General Catherine Kline for her successful work on this case, and thanked Morgan County District Attorney Scott Anderson and his staff for their valuable assistance in defending the intentional murder conviction.

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