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Attorney General Marshall Announces Court of Criminal Appeals Upholds Murder Conviction in Mobile County

(**Montgomery, Ala**) - Attorney General Steve Marshall announced that the Alabama Court of Criminal Appeals affirmed the intentional murder, attempted murder, and shooting into an occupied dwelling convictions of Tadarian Tamaricus Dale, 26, of Whistler. Dale was convicted in the Mobile County Circuit Court on March 21, 2025.

The evidence at trial showed that on August 3, 2020, Mobile police responded to the call of a shooting at the Avalon Plaza Apartments and found the victim, Jamir Hannah, dead from gunshot wounds. Police also discovered another victim, Brianna Pharr, who was taken to a local hospital and survived her injuries. Police investigators soon developed Dale as a suspect and learned that he had been friends with the victim and had been engaged in a property dispute prior to the shooting. Pharr, the surviving victim, identified Dale as the person who fired the fatal shots. Surveillance videos as well as the result of police search warrants also led police to Dale. Moreover, Dale lied to investigators as to his whereabouts on the night of the murder and this was confirmed by an analysis of his cell phone records.

Mobile County District Attorney Keith Blackwood successfully prosecuted this case and obtained guilty verdicts. Dale was sentenced to life imprisonment for his murder conviction, twenty years' imprisonment for his attempted murder conviction, and ten years' imprisonment for his discharging a firearm conviction. Dale sought to have his convictions 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 Dale's convictions. The Court did so in a decision issued Friday, September 18, 2026.

Attorney General Marshall commended Assistant Attorney General John J. Davis for his successful work on this case and thanks District Attorney Keith Blackwood and his staff for their valuable assistance in obtaining the convictions.

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