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RE: Guilty Verdict – Kendrick Green; Kenneth Green, Jr.; Torjae Tanksley – Triple Murder Conviction

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

The District Attorney's Violent Crimes & Gang Unit announces the jury trial conviction of Kenneth Green, Jr. (33, Augusta), Kendrick Green (18, Augusta), and Torjae Tanksley (19, Augusta) for the March 10, 2020 murder of an Augusta father. 27-year-old Donnell Graham was shot and killed as he left work at the Popeye's in Daniel Village.

The victim was killed because he had a baby with the mother of Kenneth Green, Jr.'s child. Kenneth Green, Jr. had recently been released from prison by the parole board, and did not like the relationship the victim had with his child's mother. As the "big homie" gang member of a local set of Bloods, he recruited younger gang members Kendrick Green and Torjae Tanksley to assist in his plan to murder Donnell Graham.

Assistant District Attorney William Hammond of the Special Victims Unit (SVU) conducted this trial, alongside ADA Keagan Waystack of the Violent Crimes & Gang Unit (VCU). At sentencing, ADA Hammond told the court **"Donnell's daughter has to grow up knowing that her brother's father killed her father."** These powerful words, combined with the evidence prosecutors brought throughout trial resulted in all 3 men receiving life sentences for their callous killing. Kenneth Green, Jr. was sentenced to Life in Prison without Parole, plus 25 years. Kendrick Green and Torjae Tanksley received Life in Prison without Parole, plus 5 years.

After the verdict and before sentencing, Kendrick Green displayed gang signs and had to be forcibly removed from the courtroom. At times during the trial, Torjae Tanksley was seen laughing as evidence came out about the killing.

"These were young men, out after dark on a school night. People ask why I spend so much time at schools. I spent Wednesday with some of my prosecutors talking to students about choices, and how to be leaders and not followers. We do this in the hopes of reaching kids before they ever make the same choices that cost 4 people their lives in this case." – District Attorney Jared T. Williams on Thursday after the verdict.

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