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## CHATHAM COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY SHALENA COOK JONES TO ANNOUNCE DISMISSAL OF SERIOUS VIOLENT FELONIES

Savannah, GA — District Attorney Shalena Cook Jones will hold a press conference on Thursday, August 22, 2024, to announce the dismissal of several serious violent felonies. Several of these cases were investigated by former Savannah Police Officers Darryl Repress and Ashley Wood, who were indicted in May 2024 for making false statements during official police investigations.

District Attorney Shalena Cook Jones and her team have conducted a comprehensive review of each case associated with Officers Repress and Wood. As a result of this meticulous review, the District Attorney's Office has determined that several murder cases must be dismissed. This decision reflects our unwavering commitment to justice and the integrity of the judicial process.

This decision involves murder charges pending against Stanley Hall, Jerrell Williams, and John Baker for the April 2015 triple homicide of Johnny Green, Anderson Mells, and Gary Mells on 36th Street. This case was investigated by Darryl Repress, who was charged for his conduct in connection therewith.

Also, among the cases to be dismissed due to evidentiary reasons and a lack of investigation is one involving a shooting at the intersection of Eagle Street and Augusta Avenue, where an innocent bystander, Brown, tragically lost their life in a crossfire. No credible witness(es) were able to identify defendants Monica Ravello or Carlton and effectively link them to the scene. As a result, the State cannot meet its burden beyond a reasonable doubt.

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