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KEVIN SMITH CONVICTED AND SENTENCED FOR THE MURDER OF REBECCA FOLEY MORE THAN 10 YEARS

Savannah, GA — The Chatham County District Attorney's Office announces the conviction and sentencing of Kevin Smith in the case of State v. Kevin Smith, which involves the murder of 21-year-old Savannah State University student Rebecca Foley on January 21, 2013. Following a retrial, Smith was convicted of two counts of Aggravated Assault and two counts of Felony Murder

Rebecca Foley was tragically shot and killed in her vehicle outside her apartment complex off White Bluff Road after visiting a nail salon. The investigation determined that Smith, in conjunction with gang members Jordan Campbell, James Pastures, and Roderick Parrish, orchestrated a robbery at Foley's residence. Upon her arrival, one of the gang members shot Foley, and the group later returned to Campbell's apartment, where Smith was given the murder weapon.

In 2018, Smith was convicted of violations related to the Street Gang Terrorism and Prevention Act and Possession of a Firearm by a First Offender Probationer, though the jury was unable to reach a unanimous verdict on charges of Malice Murder, Felony Murder, and Aggravated Assault. His co-defendants were found guilty of Murder and each received a life sentence without the possibility of parole.

Judge Louisa Abbot sentenced Smith to life in prison without the possibility of parole, bringing a resolution to this complex case.

District Attorney Shalena Cook Jones extends her appreciation to Lead Prosecutor Lyle Burnham, ADA Jenny Parker, the entire trial team, and all those involved for their dedicated efforts. She also acknowledges the crucial investigative work of former SCMPD detectives Alan Sammons and Robert Santoro. Our thoughts and deepest sympathies remain with the family of Rebecca Foley and those she left.

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