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PRESS RELEASE

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**CHATHAM COUNTY'S OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY ANNOUNCES THE
CONVICTIONS OF LAMARTRUS EXLEY, HERSCHEL ORR, AND VINCENT TRUESDALE**

Chatham County, GA – On July 7, 2022, Gary Pitts was shot and killed around West Park Avenue in Savannah. An investigation revealed that his murder was the result of a coordinated effort between the defendants, Lamartrus Exley, Herschel Orr, and Vincent Truesdale. The three worked together to lure Pitts to West Park Avenue under the guise of conducting a marijuana transaction. When Pitts arrived, the three worked in concert to ambush him. Afterward, Exley stole several items from Pitts and all three fled the scene.

On June 27, 2023, a Chatham County jury found Exley, Orr, and Truesdale guilty of:

Lamartrus Exley:

Felony murder x3
Armed robbery
Aggravated assault
Conspiracy to purchase marijuana
Criminal damage to property 1st degree
Poss. of a firearm during commission of a felony x2

Herschel Orr:

Felony murder x2
Aggravated assault
Conspiracy to purchase marijuana
Criminal damage to property 1st degree
Poss. of a firearm during the commission of a felony

Vincent Truesdale:

Felony murder x2
Aggravated assault
Conspiracy to purchase marijuana
Criminal damage to property 1st degree
Poss. of a firearm during the commission of a felony

Sentence: Date to be set by Judge

This conviction was the result of tireless work by Assistant District Attorneys Claire Farley and Whitney Gregory. They were assisted in their effort by DA Investigator Jonathan Puhala. The District Attorney would like to thank Detective Patrick Skinner of the Savannah Police Department for his outstanding work in pursuing justice for Mr. Pitts.

END OF STATEMENT