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DOUBLE LIFE SENTENCES FOR KILLERS OF STANDOUT HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT

Victim Picked At Random, Robbed, Then Gunned Down With No Mercy

Atlanta- Fulton County jurors have returned guilty verdicts against two men charged in the armed robbery and shooting death of 17-year old Washington High School Student Kyle Moore. Maurice Aikens, 24 and Edward Wallace, 25, were convicted on all charges including Murder, Felony Murder, Armed Robbery, Aggravated Assault, Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Felony and Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon.

Moore was killed on May 3, 2007 while standing at a Marta bus stop in Atlanta. Authorities say the men approached the teenager at gunpoint and demanded his cell phone and wallet. He was gunned down with a barrage of bullets *after* giving the robbers what they asked for. According to testimony, Wallace, the triggerman, bragged about the crime and even boldly attended a memorial service for the victim---signing a giant sympathy card on display while there. Shortly after the murder, he had the words, “unknown killer” tattooed on his arms.

A third defendant, LaDasha Eison, Maurice Aikens’ girlfriend, testified against the two men. She was the lookout the night of the murder and will be tried separately at a later date.

Jurors deliberated approximately two hours before returning their guilty verdicts. Judge Christopher Brasher, who presided over the case, sentenced each man to two consecutive life sentences plus 10 years.

Kyle Moore was a standout high school student and athlete. He was a three-year starter on his school’s football team and was being heavily recruited by colleges across the country including Harvard and Brown. He was scheduled to take his SAT exam just two days after he was killed.

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