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Jasean Dale sentenced for his role in fatal robbery of Lavon Drake

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INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. – Marion County Prosecutor Ryan Mears announced today that Jasean Dale has been sentenced to 60 years in the Indiana Department of Correction for his role in the 2018 fatal robbery of Lavon Drake. The jury returned guilty verdicts on the charges of Murder, Felony Murder, and Robbery Resulting in Serious Bodily Injury (Level 2 Felony) on June 16.

Drake was shot and killed when he was lured to a vacant home in the 14400 block of Kristen Circle while working as a pizza delivery driver.

"Lavon Drake was a good young man who led by example. He worked hard and was senselessly murdered while simply doing his job," said Prosecutor Mears. "My thoughts are with the Drake family as they continue to show dignity and grace while we work to bring them justice."

Dale is the second individual sentenced in this matter. In August 2019, Juwann Terry pleaded guilty to Murder and Robbery (Level 5 Felony) and received a 60-year sentence. Jason Epeards is also charged for his alleged role in the crime. His case remains pending.

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