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**Jury convicts Eugene Jones for the murder of 18-year-old Deante Williams**

*Williams was shot and killed after meeting Jones at eastside park in 2017*

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. – Marion County Prosecutor Ryan Mears announced today that Eugene Jones has been convicted of Murder for the Sept. 2017 shooting death of Deante Williams. The shooting occurred at a park in the 3400 block of Hawthorne Lane on the city's east side. Jones was convicted after a three-day trial.

On the night of the shooting, Williams and his girlfriend drove to a park to meet Jones, who he knew from high school. Jones approached their vehicle and got into the backseat. Once in the car, Jones put a gun to Williams' head. Jones then stepped out of the car and shot Williams twice before fleeing in the direction he came from.

Investigators identified Jones as a suspect through social media records and fingerprints on a phone from the scene of the incident.

A sentencing hearing has been scheduled for August 23 at 9:30 a.m. in Criminal Court 31.