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### **Jasean Dale convicted for his role in fatal robbery of Lavon Drake**

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INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. – A Marion County Jury has convicted Jasean Dale for his role in the August 2018 fatal robbery of Lavon Drake. Drake was shot and killed when he was lured to a vacant home while working as a pizza delivery driver. Marion County Prosecutor Ryan Mears announced that the jury returned guilty verdicts on Tuesday night on the charges of Murder, Felony Murder, and Robbery Resulting in Serious Bodily Injury (Level 2 Felony) after a two-day trial.

Dale is the second individual charged and convicted 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.

On the night of the incident, Lavon Drake reported to work on what would have been his day off to help with pizza deliveries. He approached a home in the 14400 block of Kristen Circle and was forced inside. Drake was then shot and killed.

Among other evidence presented to the jury during the trial was an image captured by a device within the getaway vehicle allegedly of Epeards driving the vehicle, Terry in the front passenger seat and Dale in the backseat with an AR-style rifle and a pizza box.

IMPD officers responded when Drake's manager notified police that he did not return after an extended period of time from the delivery.

Drake's autopsy determined the cause of death was multiple gunshot wounds.

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*A charge is merely an accusation, and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.*