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## **Three suspects convicted in the murder of Chris Beaty**

*Marcus Anderson, Alijah Jones, Nakeyah Shields convicted of robberies, murder*

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. – Marion County Prosecutor Ryan Mears announced today that Marcus Anderson, Alijah Jones, and Nakeyah Shields have been convicted for their roles in several armed robberies and the shooting death of Chris Beaty that occurred in May 2020. The three individuals were indicted by two Marion County Grand Juries after several months and investigations into the events that occurred prior to Beaty's murder.

Marcus Anderson has been found guilty of two counts of Murder and eight counts of Armed Robbery.

Alijah Jones has been convicted of Murder and eight counts of Armed Robbery.

Nakeyah Shields has been convicted of Murder and seven counts of Armed Robbery.

The shooting occurred on May 30, 2020, in downtown Indianapolis. Extensive investigation by the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department revealed that Anderson, Jones, and Shields committed armed robbery or attempted armed robbery of six other individuals on the same evening. The crimes occurred within a matter of minutes ending with the murder of Beaty, which took place in the area near 400 N. Talbott and Vermont Street.

**Please attribute the follow statement to Prosecutor Mears:**

"Today we are thankful for this verdict and grateful to the Beaty family for the dignity, grace, and patience they have continuously displayed throughout this difficult process. Chris tragically lost his life while caring for others and his city. His death was felt by many throughout Indianapolis, Bloomington, and beyond.

In a time of unrest and doubt, his legacy inspired many to live each day to the fullest, look out for others, and to do the right thing. A legacy that is just as relevant as it was three years ago — may we all continue to 'Live like Chris' and make our community a better place."

Chris Beaty was a well-known local figure, nicknamed "Mr. Indianapolis." He was a former Cathedral High School student-athlete who went on to play football at Indiana University. His death drew national attention due to his collegiate athletic career as well as his generous actions within his home city of Indianapolis.

The sentencing hearing for all three suspects is currently set for June 21.