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**Jalen Frierson sentenced to a total of 86 years for 2022 murder of Eric Preer**  
*Frierson's codefendant, Hakeem Jackson, sentenced to 21 years for role in Attempted Robbery*

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. – Marion County Prosecutor Ryan Mears announced today that Jalen Frierson has been sentenced to 81 years with 76 executed in the Indiana Department of Correction followed by five years of Marion County Community Corrections (work release) for his role in the 2022 shooting death of Eric Peer. Frierson will serve an additional five years in prison for a Violation of Probation.

In February, Frierson was convicted of two counts of Murder and Attempted Robbery Resulting in Serious Bodily Injury (Level 2 Felony). The jury returned the guilty-as-charged verdict after a three-day jury trial.

Hakeem Jackson was also charged for his role in this crime. He pleaded guilty to Attempted Robbery Resulting in Serious bodily Injury (Level 2 Felony) and Unlawful Possession of a Serious Violent Felon (Level 4 Felony) prior to the trial. Today, Jackson received a 21-year sentence with 17 years executed in the Indiana Department of Correction.

On April 23, 2022, Frierson and Jackson entered a smoke shop on N. College Ave. where Preer was working. They can be seen on security footage aggressively approaching the victim before Frierson fires multiple shots at Preer, killing him. After the shooting the two individuals hopped in a vehicle and fled the scene.

An IMPD covert robbery detective was able to locate the suspects' vehicle at an apartment complex nearby. A short time later, the vehicle drove toward the interstate where a brief pursuit with law enforcement ensued. When the vehicle came to a stop, Jackson was taken into custody. The murder weapon, a 9mm handgun, was located inside the vehicle.

**Prosecutor Mears released the following statement after the conviction:**

“Eric Preer was a son, a father, an uncle, and a friend, who was simply working to provide for himself and his family when he was senselessly killed. I commend the deputy prosecutors, investigators, and witnesses for their contributions that led to justice for Preer and his family, who have endured such tragedy.”