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**ATTORNEY GENERAL STEVE MARSHALL ANNOUNCES COURT OF  
CRIMINAL APPEALS UPHOLDS ETOWAH COUNTY  
MURDER CONVICTION**

(MONTGOMERY) - Attorney General Steve Marshall announced the Alabama Court of Criminal Appeals has upheld the convictions of William Dangelo McKinney for murder and for domestic violence by strangulation. McKinney, 34, of Gadsden, was convicted in Etowah County Circuit Court in April 2017 for the murder of Amos Jackson and for domestic violence by strangulation of Alanna Partee.

Evidence was presented at trial regarding the following events. McKinney was in a dating relationship with Alanna Partee and had been staying with her at her mother's home. On August 26, 2014, the two argued and McKinney physically attacked Partee, throwing her down and choking her with his hands. She was not fatally injured. McKinney then left the house. The murder victim, Amos Jackson, was the boyfriend of Partee's sister, and he regularly gave Partee a ride to work. The next morning, Jackson was at the house when McKinney arrived and tried to enter. Both Jackson and Partee's mother repeatedly told him to leave, and a fight ensued in which McKinney stabbed Jackson multiple times, killing him.

Etowah County District Attorney Jody Willoughby's Office prosecuted the case. Upon conviction, the trial court sentenced McKinney to 10 years' imprisonment for the domestic violence conviction and to 65 years' imprisonment for the murder conviction. McKinney appealed his convictions, and on Friday, July 13, the Court of Criminal Appeals affirmed his convictions.

Attorney General Marshall commended Assistant Attorney General P. David Bjurberg of the Attorney General's Criminal Appeals Division for his successful work in this case.

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