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## Grand Prairie man sentenced to life in prison for fatally shooting his wife and stepson

(Fort Worth, TX) — Monday, a Tarrant County jury found Rickey Wayne Edwards, 54, guilty of the 2020 capital murder of his wife and stepson at a Grand Prairie home. He received an automatic sentence of life without the possibility of parole for the crime.

Tarrant County Assistant District Attorneys Robert Huseman and Melinda Hogan represented the state.

On May 3, 2020, Edwards and his wife, Portia Williams-Edwards, were moving into their new home on Monet Lane in Grand Prairie.

At one point, Williams-Edwards, 46, called her father, saying Edwards was acting crazy. She said he hit her, pulled a gun on her, and threatened her. She then called one of her sons, Kameion Kitchen, and told him the same.

Kitchen, 28, drove to his mother's new house and went inside when he arrived. There was a confrontation between Kitchen and Edwards.

Edwards shot Kitchen ten times with his Glock pistol. He also shot his wife twice in the head.

About an hour later, Edwards called 9-1-1.

Police arrived at the home and found the victims shot to death. Rickey Edwards was arrested for killing them.

"This case is about family violence, rage and control," Huseman told the jury. "When his wife and stepson lay bleeding on the floor, an hour before calling 9-1-1, he went out and moved his Lexus and put up the sun screen so his seats didn't get damaged."

Hogan told the jury: "This was not self defense as the defendant claims. The evidence shows beyond a reasonable doubt that he executed Kameion and Portia."

DA Investigators Josh Neiswender and Victim Advocate Cristina Rangel worked on the case as well. Thanks to the Grand Prairie Police Department for their work on this case and for their commitment to keeping our community safe.