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Man Sentenced to Life in Prison for Killing Two

Fort Worth, TX – A Tarrant County jury found Anthony Bell-Johnson, 24, guilty of killing two people in a 2022 shooting in Fort Worth and gave him two life sentences in prison. They also sentenced him to pay $20,000 in fines.

Tarrant County Assistant District Attorneys Bill Vassar and Melinda Hogan prosecuted the case.

On August 28, 2022, Bell-Johnson and several acquaintances drove through a neighborhood in northwest Fort Worth and parked near a home on Steel Dust Drive.

For three minutes and 19 seconds, the group sat and watched the residence, where teenagers and children were playing in the garage with the door open.

Then Bell-Johnson and co-defendant Jay Shawn Nixon-Clark exited the vehicle wearing masks and carrying high-powered automatic rifles. They ran toward the house and opened fire. Bell-Johnson fired his weapon at least 16 times.

"He absolutely knew what he was doing," Vassar told the jury.

After they finished shooting, the men returned to their vehicle and fled the scene.

Jamarrien Monroe, 17, and his cousin, Rayshard Javon Scott, 5, were killed. Other family members, including Monroe's 18-month-old son, were injured.

"They executed two of those children," Hogan told the jury.

Five days later, the keys to the getaway car were found in Bell-Johnson's pocket.

"The evidence is overwhelming," Vassar said. "This family has been waiting for justice for 3 1/2 years. Let's give them some justice."

Nixon-Clark, now 20, was found guilty of capital murder in this case last year. He was sentenced to life in prison.

DA Investigators Scott Giovennelli and Danny Nutt, along with Victim Coordinator Imelda Lopez, also worked on this case.

The Tarrant County District Attorney's Office extends special thanks to the Fort Worth Police Department for its dedicated work and continued commitment to protecting the community.

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