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# PRESS RELEASE

## **Hinds County Jury finds Defendant Joshuwa Hurst Guilty on all Five Counts including Two Murder Charges**

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For Immediate Release

(Jackson, Miss) Hinds County District Attorney Robert Shuler Smith announced on August 13, 2014, Jackson resident Joshuwa Hurst (Age 27) was found guilty of two counts of Murder, two counts of Aggravated Assault and Convicted Felon in Possession of a Firearm by a Hinds County jury after a three day trial.

On March 7, 2013, Jackson Police Department responded to a chaotic scene where it was determined that four victims were shot. Two of the victims, Ronnie Jermaine Williams and Kendra Hill-Murray, died as a result of the gunshot wounds. Two additional victims were shot, and were able to provide testimony against Hurst at trial. It was later determined that the defendant, Joshuwa Hurst, was the only shooter that night at 2907 Greenwood Ave. Ballistics testing performed by the Mississippi Crime Laboratory confirmed all 13 shell casings were fired from the same firearm.

Joshuwa Hurst will be sentenced September 17, 2014, by Hinds County Circuit Court Judge Jeff Weill, Sr.

Hinds County District Attorney Robert Shuler Smith stated, "Many lives was affected by these crimes, and I am delighted that the Assistant District Attorneys were able to get justice for the families of the victims." I am very pleased with the results and the outcome".