

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF DEKALB COUNTY  
STATE OF GEORGIA

State of Georgia,	)	CIVIL ACTION FILE NO.: 18CR1540-8
Petitioner,	)	Ct. 1- Malice Murder
	)	Ct. 2- Felony Murder
	)	Ct. 3- Aggravated Assault, Family
v.	)	Violence
	)	Ct. 4- Possession of a Firearm During
Carl Williams,	)	Commission of a Felony
Respondent.	)	

**ORDER DECLARING MISTRIAL**

The above styled action commenced on Monday, October 22, 2018. After closings had finished on Wednesday, October 24, 2018, the jury was excused to the jury room to collect their belongings before being excused for the day. Seconds after the last juror entered the jury room, the Court and the attorneys were having an informal conversation off the record regarding scheduling for the following day. Suddenly, [REDACTED] (d/o/b 7-26-2004), the victim's cousin, lunged across the courtroom and attacked Defendant Williams; immediately thereafter, four of five of the victim's other family members, including the victim's mother, Tamika Neals (d/o/b 2-12-76) followed suit and proceeded to charge the Defendant's area. The Sheriff's deputies responded quickly and broke up the attack; a surplus of additional Sheriff's deputies responded to assist. Tamika Neals and the four to five other people continued screaming and antagonizing the attack while blatantly refusing to follow deputies' commands to exit the courtroom. See Defendant's Exhibit 5. Once the deputies determined that the situation was under control the jurors were escorted out of the jury room and into the secured hallway.

After leaving the bench, the Court was approached by the Honorable Asha Jackson in the hallway. Judge Jackson was aware that an incident had just occurred. Judge Jackson explained that she could hear the commotion from her courtroom. Judge Jackson explained that her jury, who were hearing an armed robbery case, were excused based on safety concerns.

On October 25, 2018, the Court and the attorneys discussed the incident and how to proceed with the case. Daniel DeWoskin, Esq., made a Motion for Mistrial on behalf of the Defendant. Based on same, each juror was interviewed individually in order to determine what they heard or knew about the incident.

During the individual questioning of the jurors, it was readily apparent that all jurors were aware of the incident. All of the jurors stated that they heard screaming and what many of

them described as “tussling.” Of major concern was the fact that many jurors expressed fear for their own safety. Specifically, jurors 19 and 31, had great concern for their safety about walking to their cars. Additionally, one of the jurors expressed speculation that the incident may have been caused by the families’ emotional response to the picture of the victims wound, which remained on the projection screen for a portion of ADA Hylton’s closing argument.

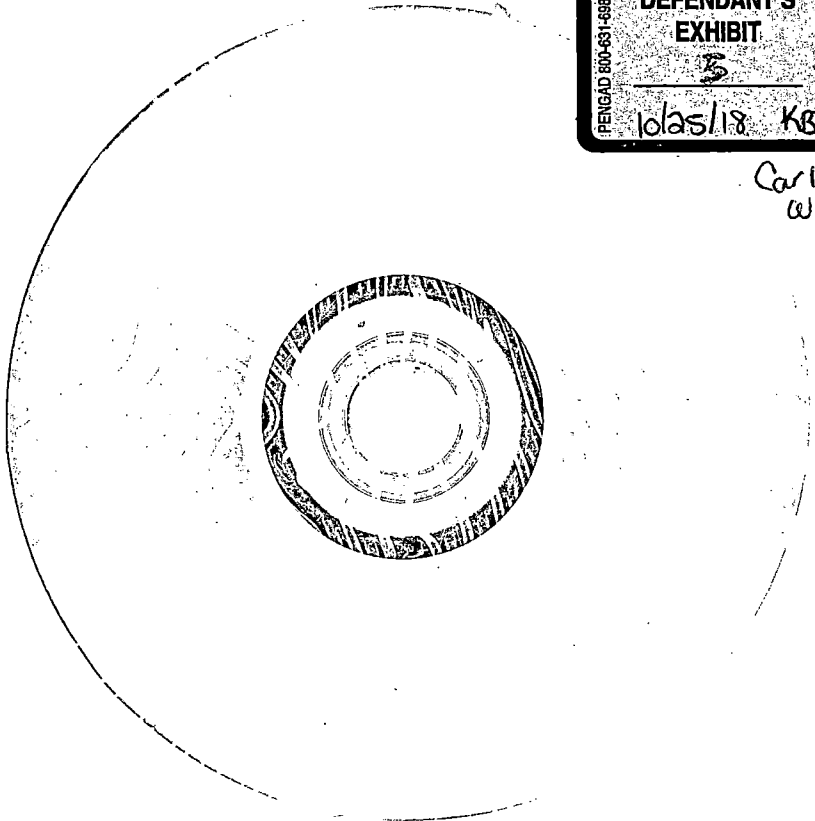
Based on the aforementioned, as well as all matters of record, the Court **HEREBY GRANTS** Defendant’s Motion for Mistrial, as it is clear that based on the incident Carl Williams would be deprived of the right to a fair trial before an impartial jury. The Court **HEREBY DECLARES A MISTRIAL** in the above styled action.

SO ORDERED this the 25<sup>th</sup> day of Oct, 2018.

  
JUDGE LINDA WARREN HUNTER  
SUPERIOR COURT OF DEKALB COUNTY

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