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Chatham County Police Department Charges Suspect in November 2019 Murder Case

Chatham County, GA (September 8, 2020) – The Chatham County Police Department has charged a suspect in connection with the fatal shooting of a man on a neighborhood street in November 2019.

Eighteen-year-old Jalen Graham is charged with felony murder, malice murder, aggravated assault, and possession of a firearm during the commission of a crime in the November shooting death of 20-year-old Daron Markese Swan. Graham was taken into custody this morning in Chatham County with the assistance of the U.S. Marshall's Task Force.

Swan was shot around 9:45 a.m. November 7, 2019, at the corner of Leghorn and DuPont Streets. Swan died November 19, 2019, at a local hospital.

Chatham County Police Department detectives say at the time of the shooting, Graham was a 17-year-old student at Johnson High School. Detectives allege he left school, committed the shooting, and then returned to school grounds. While detectives are not releasing a motive for the crime, they say it was not a random act and that the suspect and the victim knew each other.

Detectives say Graham is the only suspect in the homicide, but the investigation is continuing to determine whether there are any co-conspirators who will face charges.

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