

WRONGFUL DEATH LAWSUIT FILED AFTER DEADLY DOLLAR STORE SHOOTING

Consequence, criminal violence, catastrophic injuries: Family Dollar was aware of the risk of criminal acts on their premises but failed to take necessary precautions.

Atlanta (December 10, 2024) - Beasley Allen's Ben Keen has filed a wrongful death lawsuit on behalf of Sheila Brooks following the tragic death of her 20-year-old son, Lem Johnny Johnson IV, in a shooting at the Family Dollar on Riverdale Road.

On the evening of February 2, 2024, Johnson was dropped off at the Family Dollar by his mother. Moments later, gunfire erupted inside the store. He was found on the store's floor, having suffered multiple gunshot wounds.

The lawsuit alleges that Family Dollar had substantial notice of the foreseeable risk of third-party criminal acts on their premises but failed to take reasonable steps to guard against such dangers. As a direct result of their actions and/or inactions, Johnson suffered catastrophic injuries and, ultimately, an untimely death.

Despite the foreseeability of the incident and their awareness of violent criminal activity occurring at the premises long before the incident, the Defendants chose not to take reasonable measures to protect the health, safety, and welfare of those frequenting their premises.

"We are committed to seeking justice for Lem's family. Property owners have a legal and moral obligation to ensure the safety of their premises. This tragic incident could have been prevented with proper security measures," said Ben Keen. "We will pursue this case vigorously to hold the responsible parties accountable and to prevent such tragedies from occurring in the future."

This case was filed in Clayton County State Court.

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