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Plano man sentenced to life in prison for fatally shooting pregnant ex-girlfriend

(Fort Worth, TX) – On Monday, a Tarrant County jury found Keith Haynes, 33, guilty of the 2017 capital murder of his ex-girlfriend and her unborn child. He received an automatic sentence of life without the possibility of parole for the crime.

Tarrant County Assistant District Attorneys Allenna Bangs and Sarah Sherman represented the state.

On April 14, 2017, Haynes shot and killed Kenishia Walker, his ex-girlfriend, in her bed at her Arlington home. The 25-year-old single mother was pregnant with his child.

Walker's 8-year-old son discovered her body.

"This was Easter weekend," Allenna Bangs told the jury. "It is about Spring and new life. Kenishia had a new baby coming. And the Friday before Easter, just like the first Easter, Kenishia was betrayed. She had no idea when Mr. Haynes called, asking her to leave the door unlocked for him, that she was being set up."

"He was such a coward, killing her and his unborn baby," Bangs said. "Kenishia is important. The unborn baby's life was important. And they both mattered."

Haynes was arrested at his Plano apartment a few days after the murder.

Walker had been afraid Haynes would kill her. She even sent screen shots of text conversations she had with him to a friend that said: "If I ever come up dead please show the police this and other screenshots."

"This case is not a mystery," Sarah Sherman told the jury. "All the evidence has pointed to one person."

DA Investigator Victor Espino-Nevarez and Victim Advocate Clara Salvatierra worked on the case as well. Thanks to the Arlington Police Department for their work on this case and for their commitment to keeping our community safe.