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Man Pleads Guilty to Murder of Cousin

On June 11, 2026, Gabriel Jackson, age 20, pled guilty to First Degree Murder and Robbery with a Dangerous Weapon of Andreana Hall. Senior Resident Superior Court Judge R. Kent Harrell sentenced the defendant to 51 to 74 months in the Department of Adult Correction for the Robbery, and Life with the Possibility of Parole for the homicide. At the time of the offense, the defendant was charged in the Juvenile Court due to him being a minor. The nature of the charges required that the case be transferred to Superior Court where the defendant was sentenced yesterday.

Detective L. Borton of the Wilmington Police Department handled the investigation. Through Detective Borton's investigation, it was determined that in the early morning hours of October 7, 2023, Andreana Hall suffered a gunshot wound to the head by the defendant while she slept in her home. The defendant was living at the victim's residence at the time and the two were first cousins. Law enforcement was asked to check Hall's welfare when family members could not reach her the next day, leading to the discovery of her death. Detectives were able to track then find Hall's stolen vehicle, which was discovered in Wilmington with Jackson in the driver's seat. A forensic examination of cell phones revealed nearly 118 pages of text messages that documented the defendant's plan to murder Hall, steal her motor vehicle and other items of value, and flee with his girlfriend and co-defendant, Aliyonna Hutchins. Hutchins, now 19-years-old, was charged with Accessory After the Fact for her role in Hall's murder. She pled guilty to that charge on March 10, 2025, and was sentenced to 73-100 months active in the Department of Adult Correction.

"Andreana Hall was 34-years-old, a nurse, a mother of two young daughters, and loved by many. The victim's family can't get her back, and the defendant will spend a significant portion of his life in prison for senseless violence," said District Attorney Jason W. Smith. "This office continues to prioritize youth violence prevention. It is my goal to foster more conversations in our community to advance our shared objective of promoting public safety."



Gabriel Jackson



Aliyonna Hutchins