



## DISTRICT ATTORNEY FOR THE 15TH JUDICIAL COURT SERVING ACADIA, LAFAYETTE & VERMILION PARISHES

### LAFAYETTE JURY CONVICTS TWO FOR 2016 MARTIN LUTHER KING CENTER MURDER

On Thursday, February 28, 2019, a Lafayette 12 person jury convicted Jamal Lacon and Raven Wiltz for the shooting death of Desmond Boutte at the MLK Center on July 6, 2016. Desmond Boutte was shot multiple times by both individuals based on an ongoing dispute between the parties.

Lacon and Wiltz were indicted by the grand jury in 2016 for the murder. First Assistant District Attorney Daniel M. Landry III tried the case. The District Attorney's Office has implemented a policy to be aggressive against gun possession by felons and gun violence to promote the concept of safe neighborhoods in the community.

Judge John Trahan presided over the trial and immediately revoked the bonds of the two defendants. The sentencing is set for March 6, 2019. Under Louisiana law both defendants face mandatory life sentences without probation parole or suspension of sentence.

The case was investigated by the Lafayette Police Department with Detective Larry Theriot heading the investigation.

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