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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
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### **Five Individuals Arrested in Dadeville Shooting Indicted, Additional Charges Added**

**TALLAPOOSA COUNTY** -- On Monday, May 22, the Tallapoosa County Grand Jury, east of the Tallapoosa River Division (Dadeville) reconvened at the request of District Attorney Mike Segrest by order of the presiding Circuit Court Judge of the 5<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit of Alabama, the Honorable Isaac Whorton. On Monday, May 22, an indictment was reported to Judge Whorton and read in open court regarding the shootings that occurred April 15, in Dadeville, at a 16-year-old's birthday party. As a result, the five individuals previously arrested and charged for the reckless murder of the four fatalities have been indicted on those charges as well as new charges for the surviving individuals who were also shot. Those charged include 20-year-old Willie Brown, 19-year-old Johnny Brown, 19-year-old Wilson Hill, and two juvenile defendants, ages 16 and 17.

The 145-count indictment that was true billed by the Grand Jury list all five defendants and includes charges of Reckless Murder for the four deceased (a total 20 counts of Reckless Murder), 24 counts of First-Degree Assault for the 24 individuals who suffered penetrating gunshot wounds (a total of 120 counts of First-Degree Assault), and one count of Third-Degree Assault (a total of 5 counts) for the individual who suffered a superficial gunshot wound. If found guilty, the individuals charged face a possible sentence of 20 years to life in prison for each of the four fatalities and a minimum of 10 years with a maximum 20-year sentence on all 24 counts of First-Degree Assault.

Among the 25 victims who were tragically shot and survived is 37-year-old Latonya Allen, who is the mother of both 18-year-old Philstavious Dowdell, who was fatally injured, and 16-year-old Alexis Dowdell, whose birthday was being celebrated. The 24 remaining victims range in age from 14 to 19 years old.

In the State of Alabama, individuals charged with a felony must first have the charge presented to a Grand Jury to determine whether there is probable cause to precede to trial. It is not a final determination of innocence or guilt, and all individuals charged are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

District Attorney Mike Segrest would like to give a special thanks to all agencies involved that have assisted including Alabama Law Enforcement Agency (ALEA) Secretary Hal Taylor and the State Bureau of Investigation (SBI), Attorney General Steve Marshall and staff, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms and Explosives (ATF), the United States Marshals Service (USMS) Gulf Coast Regional Fugitive Task Force, Chief Jonathon Floyd and the Dadeville Police Department, Sheriff Jimmy Abbett and the Tallapoosa County Sherriff's Office, and all the other law enforcement agencies and first responders that answered the call that night and have supported our community as well as this investigation.