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**Clifford Jackson Gets Life Sentence
for 2011 Murder of David Thompson**

Assistant Cuyahoga County Prosecutor Brian M. McDonough said that Clifford Jackson has been sentenced to life without possibility of parole in the June 2011 murder of Clevelander David J. Thompson.

A jury on May 17, 2013, convicted Jackson on one count of murder, one count of aggravated murder, two counts of aggravated burglary, seven counts of kidnapping and four counts of attempted aggravated murder. The sentence was imposed on June 18 by Common Pleas Court Judge Jose A. Villanueva.

According to evidence presented in the case, Jackson, 36, broke into a residence on Ivy Avenue in Cleveland and pistol-whipped a former girlfriend who lived there. When Thompson, the woman's 42-year-old father, came to investigate the commotion, Jackson shot him in the face and killed him. Before fleeing the scene, he continued to assault and terrorize other family members, including three children who hid in a closet during the attack. Cleveland Police arrested Jackson two days later.

"Mr. McGinty told us to make sure Jackson won't get out," McDonough said after the sentencing. "This sentence means that he won't."

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