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BURRITT PLEADS GUILTY TO MURDER IN 2025 KILLING OF MATTHEW JACKSON

State Attorney Melissa Nelson announces that Dawud Burritt pleaded guilty to Second-Degree Murder and Attempted First-Degree Murder related to the 2025 killing of 18-year-old Matthew Jackson. Per the terms of the plea, Burritt faces up to life in Florida State Prison with a minimum of 25 years. The Honorable Anthony Salem will sentence Burritt at a later date.

On Nov. 22, 2025, the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office responded to a Blanding Boulevard fast food restaurant about shots fired. When they arrived, they found an employee, Jackson, dead from gunshot wounds at the rear drive-thru window. Another victim was found outside the business with a gunshot wound; he survived his injuries. Detectives reviewed surveillance footage and interviewed witnesses that detailed how events unfolded.

Burritt entered the restaurant when the living second victim recognized him. The victim told police the two were friends before a falling out, but there were no issues between them. The victim greeted Burritt but was then sucker-punched, which led to the two fighting — Jackson tried to break up the fight. When Burritt regained his composure, he picked up a gun he had dropped, jumped the counter, trapped Jackson at the rear drive-thru area, and executed him. Burritt then ran after the second victim outside, stood over him, and shot him. He was captured by police shortly after the shootings.

The case was investigated by the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office and prosecuted by Assistant State Attorney Alan Mizrahi.