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JURY FINDS PEEPLES GUILTY OF MANSLAUGHTER, TAMPERING WITH EVIDENCE

State Attorney Melissa Nelson announces that a Duval County jury found Timothy Peeples Sr. guilty of Manslaughter with a Firearm and Tampering with Evidence. With the verdict, Peeples faces up to 35 years in Florida State Prison. The Honorable London Kite will sentence Peeples at a later date.

On Nov. 1, 2022, Peeples and several others were at a home in North Jacksonville to celebrate the victim's son's birthday. After the party, around 3 or 4 a.m., the victim was in the living room making threatening statements about the mother of his child, who was in the other room. Peeples walked out of the room he was in and confronted the victim about what he said. Peeples then went back to his room, and the victim repeated the statements. Peeples came back out of the room with a firearm and told the victim to leave. As the victim was gathering his things, Peeples shot the victim in the head. There were two women in the house at the time, as well as children. One woman opened her door and saw the victim motionless on the ground bleeding from his head while Peeples stood over the victim's body holding a revolver. Peeples held the women and children captive in the home for several days. Investigators with the Georgia Bureau of Investigations discovered the victim's body wrapped in plastic in a creek in Brantley County, Georgia. The Jacksonville Sheriff's Office Crime Analysis Unit obtained a search warrant for Peeples' cell site data, which confirmed Peeples left the scene on November 1, drove to the creek in Georgia that morning, and returned to the location of the murder.

The case was investigated by the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office and Georgia Bureau of Investigations and was prosecuted by Assistant State Attorneys Jay Plotkin and Christina Stifler.