

BEASLEY ALLEN FILES LAWSUIT AFTER TEENAGER FATALLY SHOT AT GEORGIA APARTMENTS

Mom alleges Forest Cove apartment complex owners and management failed to address dangers to residents and others despite knowledge of ongoing violent activity at the location.

ATLANTA (April 18, 2023) – Beasley Allen attorneys filed a wrongful death lawsuit for Takezia Jackson, mom of Jamarkis Jackson, who was fatally shot last summer while residing at the Forest Cove apartment complex. Ms. Jackson is represented by Beasley Allen Atlanta attorneys Parker Miller and Houston Kessler, and Jacob Jackson and William Hagood, IV of Jackson Hagood Injury Lawyers in Atlanta.

“It is hard to imagine worse conditions than those at this complex,” said Beasley Allen attorney Parker Miller. “How on earth was more action not taken by the complex in the years leading up to this shooting?”

The complex has come under enormous scrutiny, given the horrible living conditions and the unprecedented volume of violent crime that plagued the residents. Last year, Atlanta mayor Andre Dickens called Forest Cove a “worst-case scenario.” A municipal judge condemned the complex because of its unsanitary and unsafe conditions. According to the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*, since 2009, there have been 19 homicides at Forest Cove.

On July 18, 2022, Jamarkis Jackson was standing with others at the complex when armed individuals entered the property and began shooting throughout the complex's common area. The assailants' bullets struck numerous people, including Jamarkis, who sustained serious injuries. Jamarkis suffered in the hospital during the following days before succumbing to the injuries caused by the gunshot.

The lawsuit alleges that before the incident that claimed Jamarkis' life, “the complex was poorly maintained and was a haven for dangerous conduct and/or violent activity like the type perpetrated on the deceased.” The defendant corporations that own Forest Cove did nothing to deter the attackers or their criminal activity. The corporate wrongdoing enabled the activity that led to Jamarkis' death. The complaint further states, “numerous prior incidents involving gunshots, gunplay, violent threats with weapons, and disturbing acts of violence in the common areas,” resulting in serious injuries and death of the victims.

The lawsuit is *Takezia Jackson v. Millennia Housing Management, LLC, et. al.*, case number 23EV001962 was filed in the State Court of Fulton County, Georgia.

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