

Jury Convicts Two Men In Grady Homes Murder

Two young men await sentencing Sept. 12 following their conviction Friday in the Grady Homes Killing of a 13-year-old girl being used as a human shield in a shootout.

Found guilty of murder were William Herman Berry, 20, and Osceola Kelly, 19. The shootout on Sept. 11, 1993, resulted in the death of Aisha Heard, 13, of 77 Hilliard St. Her friend, Jamina Bolston, now 14, who was also grabbed as a shield, suffered a gunshot wound of the left buttock as she tried to run from the scene.

The trial jury also found Kelly guilty of aggravated assault and two counts of kidnapping, while Berry was convicted of murder, three counts of aggravated assault and possession of a weapon by a convicted felon.

The minimum sentence for murder is life in prison. Berry could be sentenced also to an additional 65 years and Kelly could get an additional 60 years.

The two convicted men were believed to have been fighting because of an alleged robbery for drugs and personal items.