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For Immediate Release: *Former Balch Springs Police Officer Sentenced to 15 Years for the Murder of Jordan Edwards*

(Dallas, Texas) – On August 29, former Balch Springs Police Officer Roy Oliver was convicted for the murder of 15 year old Jordan Edwards. Today, at the conclusion of his trial, Oliver was sentenced to 15 years in prison and assessed a \$10,000 fine.

In the Spring of 2017, Jordan Edwards and a group of teenagers were leaving a party in Balch Springs when Oliver, fired multiple times into the car Jordan was riding in, killing the young teen and from all accounts, stellar student and athlete.

"I wanted justice for Jordan," said Dallas County District Attorney Faith Johnson, who in a rarely seen move, actually participated as a prosecuting attorney in the trial, herself. *"This has been a hard-fought case from the outset — a fight for justice for young Jordan whose life ended tragically before it really began, but this verdict is a message for police officers who do wrong, not for all the wonderful officers who are dedicated to protecting and serving the citizens of Dallas County and across the country."* Johnson continued.

The District Attorney's Office owes an immense amount of gratitude to the trial team, that included lead prosecutor, First Assistant District Attorney, Mike Snipes for their dedication to not only this case, but to Jordan, his family and his community.

Particular appreciation is extended to the Dallas County jurors, who patiently listened to all of the evidence and returned the right verdict, effectively reinforcing that no one is above the law.

"Amidst these legal proceedings, is a family who lost a son, a brother, a friend. We must never forget Jordan Edwards. Jordan died a tragic, senseless death at the hands of ex-Police Officer Roy Oliver; a man who swore to protect and serve children like Jordan and the citizens of Balch Springs in Dallas County." District Attorney Faith Johnson continued. *"It is my prayer that this verdict provides the closure so desperately needed for Jordan's friends and family... and for our community."*

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