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In today’s opinions, the Supreme Court of Georgia has upheld **murder** convictions and life prison sentences for:

* Johnny Anthony Allen (Lee Co.)

ALLEN V. THE STATE (S19A1266)

(The Supreme Court has upheld Allen’s murder conviction and life prison sentence for the 2012 shooting death of Robert Earl Patton. However, it has vacated his conviction and sentence for aggravated assault as it should have been merged with the felony murder conviction for sentencing purposes.)

- * Demetrius Brewer (Fulton Co.)
- * Sylvester Davis, Jr. (Treutlen Co.)
- * Jonathan Jackson (Fulton Co.)
- * David Joe Mann, Jr. (Newton Co.)

** **BREWER V. THE STATE (S19A1346)**

DAVIS V. THE STATE (S19A1432)

JACKSON V. THE STATE (S19A1570)

MANN V. THE STATE (S19A1256)

(The Supreme Court has affirmed Mann’s convictions for malice murder and two counts of first degree cruelty to children for throwing his fiancée’s 7-year-old son, Ethan Martinez, to the ground and killing him in 2012.)

- * Clarence McCluskey (Floyd Co.) **MCCLUSKEY V. THE STATE (S19A1397)**
(The Supreme Court has upheld McCluskey’s murder conviction and life prison sentence for the 2017 shooting death of his wife, Lisa McCluskey, but it has reversed his convictions and sentences for two counts of cruelty to children in the third degree based on an insufficiency of evidence.)
- * Jokeera Morgan (Chatham Co.) **MORGAN V. THE STATE (S19A1261)**
(The Supreme Court has upheld Morgan’s conviction of “guilty but mentally ill” for drowning her two baby daughters – 8-month-old Savannah West and 18-month-old Zyra Morgan – in 2015. Morgan told the 911 operator when she called that she had just drowned her children and “gave them back to God.” In her appeal, Morgan’s attorney unsuccessfully argued she was not guilty of murdering her daughters because she was legally insane at the time of the killings, and the verdict should have been “not guilty by reason of insanity.”)
- * Rashard Mosley (Chatham Co.) **MOSLEY V. THE STATE (S19A1301)**
- * Johnny Rammage (Bleckley Co.) **RAMMAGE V. THE STATE (S19A1518)**
- * Kerri D. Redding (DeKalb Co.) **REDDING V. THE STATE (S19A1302)**
- * Deonta Rich (Tift Co.) **RICH V. THE STATE (S19A1492)**
- * Mary Katherine Smith (Richmond Co.) **SMITH V. THE STATE (S19A1148)**
(The Supreme Court has affirmed Smith’s conviction of felony murder based on cruelty to children for the death of her 2-year-old son, Mason Tucker Smith.)
- * Lloyd Stephens (Fulton Co.) **** STEPHENS V. THE STATE (S19A1345)**
- * Tyrecquiss S. Wells (Muscogee Co.) **WELLS V. THE STATE (S19A1592)**
- * Allen Deverna Williams (Tift Co.) **WILLIAMS V. THE STATE (S19A1250)**

** Brewer and Stephens were co-defendants