



Daesean Hill Died Age 8 Killed by Drug Dealers

From *America's Most Wanted* files:

On November 17, 2003 eight-year-old Daesean Hill was walking in his Brooklyn neighborhood with his father, brother and sister. They had just spent the day at school and were looking forward to a family dinner. But just as they reached the doorstep to their apartment building shots rang out across the street. A drug turf war had erupted and in the ensuing chaos a stray bullet struck Daesean in the chest. He didn't survive his wound. He was pronounced dead a few hours later at a nearby hospital.

Back On The Streets

Just two weeks before the shooting, Alfonso and Jahbir Fowle had been released from prison. They had served a five-year sentence each for burglary but it was not their first run-in with the law. New York City police describe them as career criminals whose biggest enterprise is drug distribution.

They Won Back Their Corner With Intimidation

Detectives say that the Fowle brothers were trying to muscle back in on their lucrative turf but it had been taken over by a new crew made up of Michael Walker, Raheem Lawrence and Jerrell Perry. They say early on November 17th Alfonso and Jahbir showed up and won back their corner with intimidation. But the other three would not be beaten.

Detectives say Walker, Lawrence and Perry loaded up with an arsenal of weapons and returned the corner at the three o'clock, the same time Daesean Hill was walking home with his family. Daesean was not the only one to die that day.

Michael Walker was also hit by one of the bullets. He died two hours later at Brookdale Hospital. After the shooting, Alfonso and Jahbir Fowle took off.

A Holiday Gift For All

At the end of every year John Walsh announces the fugitives he wants most to see behind bars. On December 18, 2004 John named Jahbir and Alfonso Fowle as the top fugitives he wanted to see caught. It was that broadcast that generated the tip that NYPD needed. A viewer saw the broadcast and recognized the fugitive brothers. It took a few weeks but the tipster finally contacted the AMW hotline operators and asked to be connected with the detectives. The tipster informed the detectives that the Fowle brothers were still hiding out in Atlanta. Not only that, the tipster knew the exact location where they could be found. However, the tipster was concerned about hiding his identity and wanted to wait for the right time to lead detectives to the location. On March 4, 2005, the tipster found the courage to lead detectives to the location. Teamed up with Atlanta SWAT, NYPD officers moved in on the house and arrested the fugitive brothers.

However, there is a bittersweet ending to this story. On December 5, 2005 Jahbir Fowle was found not guilty of murder charges, though he was convicted of manslaughter. Fowle claimed he acted in self defense during the shootout with an alleged rival drug gang. The fact that Jahbir Fowle was arrested after

his profile on *America's Most Wanted* was not allowed into court testimony. Fowle faces 7 1/2 to 15 years behind bars.



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