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Ralph Hensel Sentenced to Life in Prison for 2025 Murder of Ja'Keem Williams

ORANGE COUNTY, FL (November 10, 2026) — Ralph Hensel has been sentenced to life in prison following his guilty plea to second-degree murder in the 2025 shooting death of Ja'Keem Williams at a Winter Garden apartment complex.

State Attorney Monique Worrell issued the following statement:

"Ja'Keem Williams was loved, he was part of this community, and his life was taken far too soon by senseless gun violence. His life mattered, and we want his family to know that this loss mattered to every single one of us.

No sentence can bring Ja'Keem back or take away the pain his loved ones will carry for the rest of their lives. What today's sentence does is make one thing clear: when someone takes a life in our community, they will be held accountable. Life in prison is the consequence for what was done to Ja'Keem, and his family deserved nothing less. Every homicide leaves behind a family and a neighborhood that will never be the same. My heart is with everyone who loved Ja'Keem.

We are grateful to the Winter Garden Police Department for their thorough investigation, and to the prosecutors in our office who stayed committed to this case from start to finish. Their work made accountability possible. Keeping our community safe means seeing cases like this through, and that is exactly what they did."

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