



A YOUNG LAW STUDENT'S ANALYSIS

THIS TRIAL SHOULD BE A MISTRIAL!

The Karmelo Anthony Case — Why Justice Was NOT Served

Examining the Evidence, the Bias, and the Constitutional Violations

⚖ JUSTICE FOR KARMELO ⚖



□ MY CASE FILES

01 What Happened?

The background of the Karmelo Anthony case and what went down at that track meet.



02 THE PHOTO

The photo that could prove everything. Exhibit A in our case for a mistrial.



03 What is a Mistrial?

Learn what a mistrial is and when courts are **REQUIRED** to declare one.



04 Why This is Bias

How conflicts of interest destroy the fairness of a trial. The law is **CLEAR**.



05 The Jury Problem

Why an all-white jury in this case is a serious problem for justice.



06 DEMAND JUSTICE

What we can do and why Karmelo Anthony deserves a **FAIR** retrial.



The Case That Shocked Texas

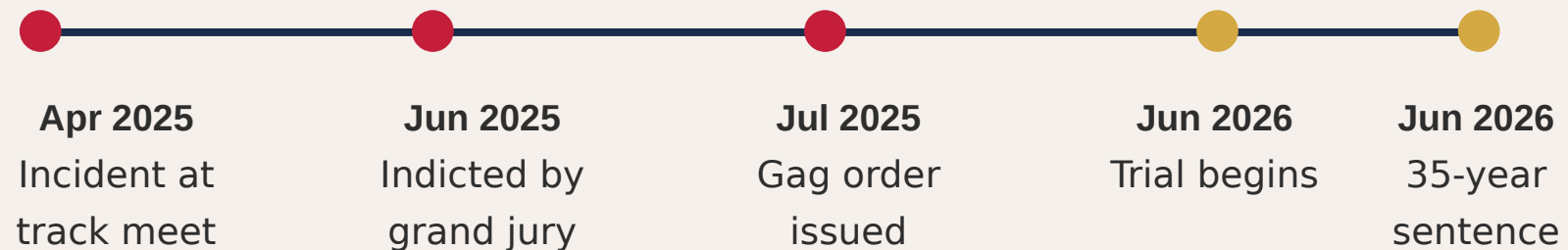
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At a **track meet** in Frisco, Texas, 17-year-old **Karmelo Anthony** fatally stabbed fellow student **Austin Metcalf**.

Karmelo claimed he acted in **self-defense** during an altercation. Witnesses say Austin touched/grabbed Karmelo first.

In **June 2026**, Karmelo was sentenced to **35 years in prison**.

Case Timeline



35 YEARS

for a 17-year-old claiming self-defense

The Photo That Changes **EVERYTHING**



Jeff Metcalf (Victim's Dad)



Alleged: Judge John Roach



Alleged: DA Greg Willis



WHY THIS MATTERS

If the **judge** and **DA** were socializing with the **victim's father**, they should have been **REMOVED** from this case.






This is **NOT** about guilt or innocence. This is about **FAIRNESS.**

What Even IS a Mistrial?

LEGAL DEFINITION

A **mistrial** is when a trial is cancelled and must start over because something went seriously wrong that prevented a **fair trial**.

Grounds for a Mistrial:

-  **Judicial misconduct** — judge did something improper
-  **Conflict of interest** — bias or personal connections
-  **Hung jury** — jury cannot agree on a verdict
-  **Improper evidence** — evidence that shouldn't be admitted
-  **Jury tampering** — outside influence on jurors

THE CONSTITUTION SAYS...



*"In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right to a **speedy and public trial**, by an **impartial jury**..."*

— **Sixth Amendment, U.S. Constitution**

Every defendant has the **RIGHT**
to an **IMPARTIAL** judge and jury!

CONFLICT OF INTEREST = Broken Justice

TEXAS LAW

Code of Judicial Conduct

Canon 3B(1)

Judges must **disqualify themselves** from any proceeding in which their **impartiality might reasonably be questioned**.

It's not about *proving* bias — it's about the **APPEARANCE** of bias.

WHAT IS RECUSAL?

Recusal means a judge or prosecutor **steps down** from a case because they have a conflict of interest. It's required by law when personal relationships could affect fairness.

HOW THIS APPLIES HERE



Judge John Roach allegedly socialized with Jeff Metcalf (victim's father) at a gathering



This creates an **appearance of bias** — the judge may feel sympathy for the victim's family



Result: Judge should have **REMOVED HIMSELF** from the case. Failure to do so = grounds for mistrial.

"Justice must not only be done, but must also be seen to be done." — Lord Hewart, 1924

Due Process Was VIOLATED

The **Fourteenth Amendment** guarantees due process of law. Here are the violations in Karmelo's trial:

1 Judge's Social Ties

Judge Roach allegedly had a **social relationship** with the victim's father, Jeff Metcalf. This creates an appearance of bias that violates judicial ethics.

2 DA Connections

DA Greg Willis may have had **improper connections** to the Metcalf family. The prosecution's objectivity is compromised if they socialize with the victim's family.

3 All-White Jury

An **all-white jury** was selected for a case with significant racial elements. Studies show diverse juries make better decisions. This is a Batson violation concern.

4 Gag Order Limitations

Judge Roach issued a **gag order** in July 2025 that limited the defense's ability to respond to public accusations while the prosecution and media could shape public opinion freely.

5 Toxic Public Atmosphere

Social media was flooded with **misinformation** — fake autopsy reports, AI-generated images, false narratives. Finding an impartial jury became nearly impossible.

The All-White Jury Problem

0%

Black Jurors

The jury that convicted Karmelo Anthony had zero Black jurors in a case with significant racial tensions.

What Research Shows:

- ✓ Diverse juries **deliberate longer** and consider more evidence
- ✓ Diverse juries make **fewer factual errors** and recall testimony better
- ✓ Diverse juries are **more likely to question** assumptions and biases
- ✓ All-white juries are **more likely to convict** Black defendants



Batson v. Kentucky (1986)

The **Supreme Court** ruled that prosecutors **CANNOT** use peremptory challenges to exclude jurors based on race. This is called a **Batson challenge**.

If the defense can show a **pattern** of striking minority jurors, the prosecution must give a **race-neutral reason**. If they can't, those jurors must be seated.

Question: Were minority jurors improperly excluded from Karmelo's jury?

The Public Was **Manipulated**

Before the trial even started, **misinformation** flooded social media and poisoned the jury pool:



FAKE Autopsy Report

A fabricated autopsy report surfaced on Facebook, **falsely claiming drugs were involved** in the incident. Pure fiction designed to smear Karmelo.



AI-Generated Images







AI-generated images of Karmelo crying in court and other **fake courtroom photos** were spread to manipulate public emotion.



Fake Police Accounts

A fake X account **posing as the Frisco Police Chief** spread fabricated details about the investigation to millions of people.

THE REAL IMPACT

-  High-profile accounts got **50 MILLION views** on early posts
-  Both families received **swatting calls** and death threats
-  Finding an **impartial jury** became nearly impossible
-  Judge admitted "**unconscious bias**" is real — yet proceeded
-  Extra security needed at **Austin Metcalf's funeral**
-  The **gag order** silenced defense while misinformation spread



JUSTICE FOR **KARMELO!**

Every person deserves a **fair trial** with an **impartial judge** and **unbiased jury**.

The evidence of potential **conflicts of interest** cannot be ignored.

This trial should be declared a **MISTRIAL**
and Karmelo Anthony deserves a **FAIR RETRIAL**.

"The Constitution guarantees it. The Sixth Amendment demands it. Justice requires it."

#JusticeForKarmelo #Mistrial #FairTrial

