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Fayette County Man Sentenced to Life Without Parole for Murder of Wife

Kenneth Hardin Jr. will spend life in prison

FAYETTE COUNTY, GA. – On June 23, 2025 Kenneth Hardin Jr. was been sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole for the brutal murder of his wife, Carrie Hardin, whose body was found buried and burned in the backyard of the couple's home.

The case developed last August when Hardin fled Georgia after confessing to his father that he had killed his wife. His father reported the confession to the Fayette County Sheriff's Office, which led to a multi-state manhunt.

Investigators located Carrie Hardin's remains in a shallow grave behind the family's home. The discovery occurred nearly simultaneously with Hardin's arrest in Covington, Louisiana, where he had checked into a motel.

Kenneth Hardin Jr. pled guilty to several charges, including Felony Murder, for which he was sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole. He also received a 10-year concurrent sentence for Concealing the Death of Another and an additional 5-year consecutive sentence for Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Felony.
