

Fayette County Sheriff's Office

Sheriff Barry H. Babb

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Fayette County Man Sentenced to Life in Prison

FAYETTE COUNTY, GA—On September 12, 2024, Griffin Leach was convicted of Malice Murder, Felony Murder, Aggravated Assault, Possession of a Firearm during the Commission of a Felony, Arson in the First Degree, and Concealing the Death of Another.

On January 12th, 2023, deputies were dispatched to a fire assist call at 246 Porter Road where they found the residence fully engulfed in flames. Upon further investigation, a body was discovered in the master bedroom. Griffin Leach, the son of the homeowner, was later stopped by the Fayette County Sheriff's Office after his vehicle was recognized driving back and forth past the home. He claimed that his father had committed suicide and started the fire, but a revolver was found in Griffin Leach's possession. Following an extensive investigation by Fayette County Sheriff's Office's Criminal Investigations Division, led by Detective Zaj, Griffin Leach was charged with the murder of his father.

Leach was convicted on Thursday, September 12, 2024, and sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole plus a consecutive 35 years. Sheriff Babb would like to thank all those involved in the investigation of this case including the Fayette County Sheriff's Office staff, the State Fire Marshall's Office Investigators, and the Fayette County Fire and Emergency Services.

