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## Glendale Police Release Statement on Jerice Hunter Verdict

**GLENDALE, Ariz.** – The Glendale Police Department has released the following:

The Glendale Police Department would like to acknowledge the significance of today's events surrounding the Jerice Hunter trial. A jury returned a verdict finding Jerice Hunter guilty of abusing and murdering her 5 year old daughter, Jhessye Shockley. What started as a call of a missing 5 year old girl over 3 ½ years ago, developed into an exhaustive search and later into a homicide investigation which spanned months. The ensuing three month landfill search for Jhessye's body involved nearly 300 men and women from Glendale PD, as well as 13 other agencies. Through it all, our goal always remained the same - to obtain justice for Jhessye Shockley.

We are pleased with the jury's decision today as it assures *justice does prevail* against an individual responsible for the unimaginable crime of murdering a child. While the verdict provides some sense of satisfaction, it does not diminish the loss suffered by the family who loved Jhessye or lessen the tragedy a community endures when a child is murdered.

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*\*Spanish translation available*

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is to protect the lives and property of the people we serve.”*

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