




## PUBLIC SAFETY SUCCESS STORY

# St. Louis County Prosecutors Leverage ShotSpotter Evidence to Secure Murder Conviction

COUNTY	POPULATION	COVERAGE AREA	PRODUCT USED	CUSTOMER SINCE
ST. LOUIS	997,187	10.12 SQ. MI	 ShotSpotter®	2017

### SITUATION

On March 24, 2021, police in Jennings, Missouri, arrested 20-year-old Dairius Kinnie after a high-speed chase followed by a brief shootout. Kinnie was arrested on suspicion of having shot and killed his former girlfriend, Tianna Baker, as well as her mother in their home in the northern suburb of St. Louis.

Kinnie was charged with Baker's murder, as well as several other crimes. Prosecutors alleged that he went to the house and shot Baker several times, intending to kill her, and then shot her mother.

### RESULTS

To help prove that Kinnie acted with cool deliberation, St. Louis County prosecutors submitted a ShotSpotter audio recording as evidence to the jury. The recording revealed that Kinnie fired his gun in three volleys, with pauses in between, before starting to shoot again. The pauses were enough to demonstrate the deliberation element required by Missouri's definition of first-degree murder.

The state built its case on the testimony of Baker's mother, who had survived the shooting, and of Baker's sister, who was there at the time. They also called upon several police officers and detectives as witnesses. On December 20, 2023, a St. Louis County jury returned a verdict of first-degree murder and four other felonies in connection to the fatal shooting.



*ShotSpotter evidence can tell you if there was a gap in the shots, which could indicate something like deliberation, supporting an argument that the second round of shots was to ensure the victim died. In addition, the technology can lead to a faster police response, making it easier to ensure the integrity of the scene, locate witnesses, and preserve and gather evidence.*

Wesley Bell | St. Louis County Prosecuting Attorney

### How ShotSpotter Benefits St. Louis County

#### REDUCES RESPONSE TIME

ShotSpotter immediately alerts police to gunfire, enabling officers to be on scene quickly to render aid, interview witnesses, and gather evidence to hold offenders accountable.

#### STRONGER COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Faster response times helps build trust and improve the relationship between the St. Louis PD and the community.

#### IMPROVES EVIDENTIARY DATA

ShotSpotter's Detailed Forensic Reports provide audio gunfire data that prove to be invaluable for district attorneys, prosecutors, and juries in understanding shooting incidents.



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