## Former Texas police officer indicted for murder in Atatiana Jefferson's death

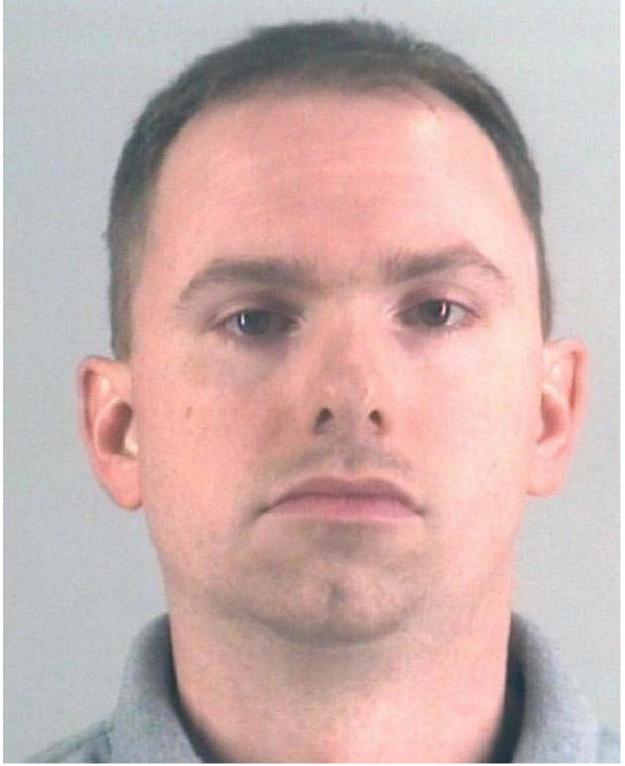
A former Fort Worth, Texas, police officer has been indicted by a grand jury for murder in the death of <u>Atatiana Jefferson</u>, the Tarrant County District Attorney confirmed to CBS News on Friday. Jefferson, 28, was shot and killed in October when Officer Aaron Dean fired through a window.

Dean, 35, was arrested in October, but all police shootings go before a grand jury, which issues charges.

Dean was in the backyard of Jefferson's home when he shot Jefferson through a window after responding to a call from a neighbor about the front door of the house being open, <u>CBS Dallas / Fort Worth</u> reported.

Dean, who joined the Fort Worth Police Department in April 2018, resigned two days after the shooting and just hours before being arrested and charged with murder.

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**Aaron Dean Tarrant County Jail** 

According to Dean's original arrest affidavit, Jefferson was inside a bedroom playing video games with her 8-year-old nephew moments before the shooting. The 8-year-old boy told police his aunt heard noises outside and that she grabbed her handgun.

Bodycam video from Dean's perspective showed the former officer walking around the home, shining a flashlight into a window and shouting "Put your hands up! Show me your hands!" and less than a second later firing a shot. Investigators confirmed that Dean did not identify himself as an officer at any point.

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Less than three weeks after Jefferson's murder, and nearly two months before the grand jury decision, the judge presiding over Dean's case — David Hagerman — issued a gag order surrounding the proceedings.

Hagerman's order prevents anyone connected with the case from making statements about witnesses, evidence or any opinion about Dean's guilt or innocence.

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