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Jeffrey Lamont Sims Jr. receives 75 month prison sentence for his role in the death of Ervaeua Herring

Today, Multnomah County District Attorney Rod Underhill announced that 30-year-old Jeffrey Lamont Sims Jr. received a 75 month prison sentence pursuant to Ballot Measure 11 after he previously pleaded guilty to manslaughter in the second degree for recklessly causing the death of Ervaeua Herring. Sims will receive credit for time served but no other sentence reductions.

Sims appeared in court on July 11, 2019 and pleaded guilty following extensive litigation in this matter.

According to court documents, this investigation started on August 17, 2014 when Sims and several members of the Hoover gang went to an apartment complex in southeast Portland looking for a rival gang member. During this investigation, law enforcement learned that Sims and the other Hoover gang members were seeking retaliation for an earlier incident that occurred in downtown Portland, according to court documents.

When Sims and the other individuals arrived at the apartment complex, they fired more than two dozen bullets into the apartment occupied by Ms. Herring, according to court documents. Law enforcement responded and located Ms. Herring deceased at the scene. Law enforcement also learned during this investigation that Ms. Herring was pregnant when she died.

The incident in downtown Portland occurred at approximately 12:30 a.m. near Southwest 3rd Avenue and Southwest Ash Street on August 17, 2014 and involved members of two rival gangs, the Woodlawn Park Bloods and the Hoover gang, according to court documents. During that fight, a Hoover gang member was shot and another Hoover gang member was pistol whipped in the face.

George Waters and Isaac Harden, members of the Woodlawn Park Blood gang, have been convicted for the shooting and assault.

The other involved individuals in the shooting of Ms. Herring are Demetruis Brown, 25; Deanthony Simmons, 25; Kelani Brown, 27; Tony Lamar Brown, 31 and Geontae Jones, 27.

Tony Lamar Brown previously pleaded guilty to one count of murder with a firearm, one count of burglary in the first degree and one count of unlawful use of a weapon.

Demetruis Brown, Kelani Brown and Deanthony Simmons are all currently pending trial.

Geontae Jones previously pleaded guilty to one count of murder with a firearm and one count of manslaughter in the second degree with a firearm and is pending sentencing.

The three individuals pending trial remain innocent unless and until proven guilty.

This case was prosecuted by Chief Deputy District Attorney Kirsten Snowden and Senior Deputy District Attorney Nathan Vasquez.

The Multnomah County District Attorney's Office recognizes the members of the Portland Police Bureau's Homicide Detail and the other members of law enforcement for the dedicated efforts investigating this case.

No additional information can be released by the Multnomah County District Attorney's Office at this time pursuant to the Oregon Rules of Professional Conduct.

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