

THE 21ST MONTHLY

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LIVINGSTON JURY FINDS SELDERS GUILTY OF MURDER

A Livingston Parish jury found 39-year old Ollie Montrell Selders Jr., of Independence, LA, guilty of second degree murder and obstruction of justice in the shooting death of 28-year-old LaTisha Rheams. On June 27, 2017, LPSO deputies responded to a 911 phone call at a residence on Selders Lane in Independence, LA, in reference to a female suffering from a gunshot wound to the back. The caller, Ollie Selders Jr., advised the dispatcher that he found his girlfriend lying on her back unresponsive and when he turned her over observed blood coming from her lower back.

During the trial, Assistant District Attorney Zachary Daniels explained to the jury the events surrounding Rheams's death calling multiple witnesses to the stand that testified of Rheams's and Selders's 16 year relationship. The night before the shooting, Rheams called family members over to her Selders Lane residence to assist with packing and removing her belongings from the residence because she had intentions to leave Selders. Family members described her to be very irritable and upset after a heated argument between the couple. When family members arrived to the home, Rheams decided that she was not going to leave her home that night and would be in contact with them in the morning. That following morning is when she was killed.

During Selder's initial interview with LPSO detectives he stated that he entered into their home and observed Rheams lying on the floor on her back beside the stove. Selders said he saw a 20 gauge shotgun lying about four feet from Rheams's body. Selders stated that he took possession of the shotgun and hid it in the woods approximately 40 yards behind the residence because he panicked. Based on police investigation and evidence collected at the crime scene detectives determined that Selders was not telling the truth about the incident. During additional questioning by LPSO, Selders gave numerous inconsistent statements about the incident. Days later Selders was later arrested on charges of second degree murder and obstruction of justice. Formal sentencing for Ollie Selders Jr. is scheduled for February 14, 2019 before Judge Robert H. Morrison.

21ST JDC JANUARY INDICTMENTS:

Walter Lee Albert, age 43, of Hammond, LA was indicted for second degree murder following the shooting death of 25-year-old Sabrina Anderson.

Christopher Bell, age 36, of Hammond, LA, was indicted for second degree murder following the shooting death of 22-year-old Tyreyron Garner

Michael Collins, age 46, of Denham Springs, LA was indicted on two counts of first degree murder following the murders of Eugene and Patricia Gurley of Denham Springs, LA.

Joshua Faust, age 23, of Albany, LA, was indicted on one count of second degree murder following the death of his father, 60-year-old Larry Faust.

Reginald Reed, age 58, of Hammond, LA, was indicted for one count of aggravated rape. Reed will appear in court for arraignment on Feb. 14, 2019.



COMMUNITY: Assistant District Attorney Le'Anne Malnar explaining the role of the District Attorney's office to fifth graders at Oak Forest Academy.

NOTABLE JANUARY COURT NEWS:

Ronald Bandy, age 34, of Hammond, LA, was sentenced to life in prison without the benefit of probation, parole, or suspension of sentence after he was found guilty by a unanimous jury of first degree murder of Grace Lamonte.

Martin Haynes, age 27, of Hammond, LA, pleaded no contest to conspiracy to commit second degree murder in the death of T'Keyah Hooker.

Raheem Doby, of Baton Rouge, LA, pleaded no contest to two counts of conspiracy to commit first degree murder in the murders of Beverly Thompson and Toreo Thompson.