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JONES SENTENCED TO LIFE

Durelle Jones was found guilty by a 12-member jury of two counts of armed robbery with a firearm, two counts of second degree kidnapping, one count of aggravated rape, and one count of attempted first degree murder.

On April 12, 2012, Durelle Jones broke into two female college students' apartment located at 501 North Holly Street, in Hammond, Louisiana. Once Jones gained entry into the apartment, he then robbed and kidnapped both women at gun point.

The two women were forced into the trunk of a vehicle at gunpoint so that Jones could trade the stolen property from their apartment for drugs. After he sold the property he took from the apartment, he drove to Manchac whereby he forced one of the women to get out of the trunk and into the backseat of the car.

Jones proceeded to rape one of the women three separate times, while the other woman was still inside of the trunk. Afterwards, Jones shot the gun in the air and asked both victims "did they like the sound of that."

Subsequently, the two female victims convinced Jones to pull off in Laplace, Louisiana where they stopped at the Circle K to get gas. One of the victims then went inside the Circle K and alerted the clerk that she had been robbed, kidnapped, and raped.

The clerk then called the police, and Jones fled the scene. Once Jones fled the scene, he swam across swampy waters behind the Circle K and stumbled across a male, who was called into work early due to being the water district manager for St. John the Baptist Parish.

Once Jones encountered the male, he then robbed; pistol whipped, and kidnapped him. Afterwards, Jones then ordered the male victim to drive him back to Hammond. However, the male was able to escape at a red light and was taken to the hospital where it was determined he suffered a concussion from being attacked by Jones.

Jones proceeded to flee back to Hammond but the male victim's vehicle was equipped with ONSTAR. Officers with the Hammond Police Department were able to track the vehicle to the Circle K in Hammond, Louisiana, where Jones shot at two uniformed police officers before being taken into custody.

Durelle Jones was sentenced to 99 years with the department of corrections for two counts of armed robbery with a firearm, 50 years with the department of corrections for attempted first degree murder, life sentence for aggravated rape, and 40 years with the department of corrections for two counts of second degree kidnapping. Time is to be served concurrently, said Perrilloux.

Assistant District Attorney Angel Monistere represented the State; Judge Jeffery Johnson handed down the sentence.

HUDSON FOUND GUILTY OF MURDER

Richard Hudson, age 24, of New Orleans, Louisiana was found guilty by a 12-member jury of one count of first degree murder of Rafael Garrison.

On January 25, 2013, officers from the Hammond Police Department responded to a call in regards to shots fired at 1806 North Oak Street Apartment D. Upon detectives' arrival, it was learned that the victim had been shot multiple times and was pronounced deceased by Acadian Ambulance.

During the incident, there was an eye witness who advised that she was in the residence when the shooting occurred and had seen Richard Hudson and Terry Landry just before the shooting.

The witness stated that that the victim had called Hudson and Landry to arrange the sale and purchase of a quarter pound of marijuana at North Oaks Park. After meeting in the park, the victim, Hudson, and Landry went to the victim's residence to weigh the marijuana.

The witness advised that the last call Garrison received was from Hudson. Upon checking phone logs Hammond Police Department Detectives concluded that the last call was in fact from Hudson.

The witness also advised that prior to the murder, the victim asked if she knew a guy named "Rich".

With this information, a photo lineup was generated with Richard Hudson in the lineup. Upon presenting the lineup to the witness, she positively picked out Hudson as one of the individuals involved in the shooting.

Based upon the lineup identification, a warrant was obtained for the arrest of Richard Hudson and he was arrested at his parents' residence in New Orleans, LA. When questioned by Hammond Police Department Detectives, Hudson confessed to his role in the robbery of the victim, including the shooting of the victim.

Assistant District Attorney Donald Wall represented the state; Judge Robert H. Morrison presiding. Formal sentencing is scheduled for July 27, 2016.

MYERS CONVICTION

Tasha-Rae Myers, age 21 of Kentwood, LA, pleaded no contest to two counts of creation/operation of a clandestine laboratory, assisting escape, and simple burglary.

On February 8, 2013, Tangipahoa Sheriff's Office Deputies were dispatched to the intersection of Highway 10 and Highway 1058 in reference to a theft. Upon arrival, the complainant told deputies he owned a vacant rental house on Rodrick Dykes Road in Kentwood, LA and advised that two heating/cooling window air conditioning units were missing from the residence.

The property owner advised that another tenant who lives near the residence stated he had seen a blue low rider Chevrolet S10 leaving the vacant residence around 9:00 the night before. He also advised that his former tenant had a friend that drove a blue low rider Chevrolet truck who may have took the air conditioning units.

After further investigation, on April 1, 2013, agents provided two felony arrest warrants for burglary for Russell Rand Jr. and Tasha Myers. They were placed under arrest and transported to the Tangipahoa Parish Jail to complete the booking process.

On August 25, 2013, deputies responded to Lollie Kemp Hospital in reference to an inmate attempting to escape from the location.

Upon arrival, it was determined that Russell Rand had been treated at the hospital when the transport deputy was taking him back to the van; he began running east of the hospital.

Uniform patrol set up a perimeter from Highway 1065 to South Cason Road. It was then advised that Rand was spotted entering the woods near Stevenson Road,

On August 26, 2013, detectives received information from a confidential source advising that Tasha Myers and a few others were at Hood Hospital Emergency Room in Amite, LA. They were further advised that Tasha Myers and the others picked Rand up and drove him to his residence in Mississippi where he was hiding from law enforcement.

Detectives spoke with Myers and she advised that Rand was her brother and that she received a phone call from him asking she find him a ride from Amite to a friend's house in Mississippi and that he was ultimately going to try to make it Alabama where they have family.

Myers was advised of her Miranda Rights and transported to the Tangipahoa Parish Jail where she was properly booked.

In an unrelated incident, On June 22, 2014 agents assisted Tangipahoa Sheriff's Office patrol division when they responded to a suspicious persons report on South River Road. The caller stated the subjects possibly entered a residence and the homeowners were not home.

When deputies arrived on scene they identified Sterling Dyson and Tasha Myers and several other subjects at the back of the residence and noticed a strong chemical odor.

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The subjects were later identified as Terrance Brewer, Amos "Day Day" Foster, Daniel Cortez, and Eric Brown.

Deputies noticed that 24 bags of methamphetamine was in plain view and seized it along with a black handgun. The officer detained and advised all subjects of their Miranda rights.

The deputy noticed the homeowner Marie Castleberry walking out of the residence when she advised that Eric Brown was her live in boyfriend and that he "cooked" methamphetamine.

During the agents search of the residence they discovered three inactive labs with the total weight of 1,316 grams of methamphetamine oil and several firearms. When searching outside of the residence, agents found a large amount of sludge left over in a bottle indicating that methamphetamine manufacturing had taken place.

All subjects were transported and properly booked.

On June 23, 2014 agents took a recorded statement from Myers at the Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff's Office. Myers told authorities that she had been at the South River Road location for four days and that she was friends with the homeowner Marie Castleberry.

Myers stated that she watches the children while Brown and Castleberry lock themselves in the bedroom and manufacture methamphetamine. She stated that she takes the children to the park and get food while the manufacturing takes place.

Myers went on to tell authorities that she purchased two boxes of pseudoephedrine for Brown to manufacture methamphetamine and he would give her \$50.00 for a "box".

On December 10, 2014, Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff Deputies were dispatched to the area of Market Maxx in Kentwood, LA, in reference to a stolen vehicle. Upon arriving in the area, the reporting deputy observed a vehicle matching the description of the stolen vehicle. The vehicle turned on Seventh Street and came to a complete stop. The reporting deputy observed both the passenger and the driver moving around and appearing they were putting something under the seats.

The deputy asked Myers and the passenger to step out of the vehicle. They were advised of their rights per Miranda, handcuffed, and placed into the police patrol unit.

Officers searched the vehicle and discovered a clear baggy with a white powdery substance in the ash tray. Located were several more baggies with a white powder like substance and several unused baggies. In the backseat of the vehicle several bottles of lighter fluid and butane were discovered as well as coffee filters. The items found were the main ingredients for methamphetamine. Authorities proceeded to clean up the scene and removed all evidence from the scene. They were taken to CLU where they were properly booked.

Assistant District Attorney Le'Anne Malnar represented the state; Judge Elizabeth Wolfe handed down the sentence.

Tasha Myers is sentenced to 10 years with the Department of Corrections.