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CLAYTON SENTENCED FOR MANSLAUGHTER

Timothy Clayton, age 20, of Walker, LA, pleaded no contest to manslaughter in the shooting death of Brandon Jones of Denham Springs, LA.

On July 18, 2015 at approximately 10:00 P.M. Denham Spring Police were dispatched to the scene of a shooting with someone injured at a barber shop on Summers Street. When officers arrived on scene they found one male victim, identified as Brandon Jones deceased from multiple gunshot wounds.

An eye witness stated that Jones was standing outside of the barber shop when they heard gunshots and saw Jones fall to the ground. The witness then saw a male come from behind the barbershop with a gun and shot several times before fleeing southbound on Summers Street.

Through further investigation and interviews, Timothy Clayton was identified as the male seen coming from behind the barber shop shooting Brandon Jones.

Clayton was scheduled for a pre-trial hearing before Judge Charlotte Foster on January 24, 2018 when he entered a plea of "no contest" to manslaughter. He was sentenced to 11 years with the department of corrections receiving credit for time served.

The negotiated plea and sentence was suggested with the consent of the victim's family.

HALFORD SENTENCED FOR MURDER

On January 26, 2018 Michael Halford was formally sentenced to life in prison without the benefit of probation, parole, or suspension of sentence by Judge Jeffery Johnson for the death of 75-year-old John Hornsby, of Greensburg.

On August 7, 2012, St. Helena Parish Sheriff's Office deputies responded to an address on Rohner Road regarding a death and a burning home. The victim was charred from heat of the house fire and had 10 total abrasions on his head and face. There was also grass and dirt on the victim's back which appeared to have come from the victim's truck which was behind him with the tire tracks that appeared to have run over him and a maul was lying beside the victim's body.

St. Helena Parish Sheriff's Office was contacted by Louisiana State Police Crime Lab in reference to a DNA profile obtained from the fingernails of the victim. Michael Lynn Halford's DNA was found. Louisiana State Police Crime Lab requested a swab from Halford. The DNA swab from Halford matched the DNA profile found from under the nails of Hornsby. A warrant was issued for Micheal Halford for First Degree Murder based on forensic evidence.

Moments before formal sentencing from Judge Johnson, Hornsby's daughter thanked the SHSO and the Twenty-First Judicial District Attorney's office for their hard work, diligence, and bringing forth justice for her father's death.

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POLK PLEADS NO CONTEST TO ARMED ROBBERY

David Polk, age 36 of Independence, LA pleaded no contest to armed robbery.

On October 30, 2017 Hammond Police were dispatched to the Circle K located on South Morrison Boulevard in reference to an armed robbery that just occurred and the suspect was operating a red Chrysler 300 that just turned southbound on South Morrison.

The complainant stated that he walked back into the store behind the register to attend to the customer then advised he heard what sounded like the loading of a gun followed by a voice stating to hand him the money out of the register. The complainant gave the suspect money out of the register, three packs of cigarettes, and a case of beer.

Detectives obtained surveillance footage of the Circle K and observed the robbery take place and identified the male as David Polk.

David Polk was sentenced to 25 years with the department of corrections 10 years of the sentence are to be served without the benefit of probation, parole, or suspension of sentence. Polk also pleaded no contest to unrelated charges such as theft, aggravated flight, and simple criminal damage to property; all to run concurrent with the sentence given for his conviction of armed robbery.

NOTABLE JANUARY PLEAS

Lavell Bernard, age 32, of Hammond, LA, pleaded no contest to possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. He was sentenced to five years with the department of corrections. He received credit for time served.

Michael Day, age 46, of Hammond, LA, pleaded no contest to distribution of schedule II controlled dangerous substances and simple escape. He was sentenced to 10 years with the department of corrections. He received credit for time served.

Amber Gonzales, age 37, of Folsom, LA, pleaded no contest to creation or operation of a clandestine laboratory. She was sentenced to five years with the department of corrections. She received credit for time served. This sentence is to run consecutively with a 15 year sentence she is currently serving.

Shawn Landry, age 25, of Hammond, LA, pleaded no contest to possession of a firearm or carrying a concealed weapon by a convicted felon and illegal possession of stolen things over \$1,500.00. He was sentenced to 10 years with the department of corrections. He received credit for time served.

Clifton Simmons, age 35, of Walker, LA, pleaded no contest to production/manufacturing of methamphetamine and three counts of battery of a police officer. He was sentenced to five and a half years with the department of corrections. He received credit for time served.