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## **EASON FOUND GUILTY OF MANSLAUGHTER**

On March 9, 2018, a Tangipahoa Parish jury found 29-year-old Christopher Eason, of Hammond, LA, guilty of manslaughter.

In the early hours of October 20, 2014, New Orleans Fire Department responded to a report of a fire at the intersection of Florida Boulevard and Desire Parkway. Firefighters located a burning vehicle located inside of a dilapidated building. The area was dark with no street or exterior lighting surrounded by grass and weeds. Once the fire was extinguished fire personnel discovered the charred remains of a female inside of the vehicle.

A computer query of the vehicle's license plate lead investigators to the vehicle's registered owner, who stated that her girlfriend Kimberly Bowman is the primary user of the vehicle and that she had not seen or heard from Bowman since she left from their apartment in Hammond to go to a local convenience store the night of October 19, 2014; she went on to state that Bowman would frequently visit the convenience store to purchase cigarettes and there was an apartment complex nearby where she would purchase marijuana.

During the three day trial, Assistant District Attorneys Joey Oubre and Zachary Daniels presented over 100 exhibits of evidence and called multiple witnesses to the stand to testify Eason's involvement in Bowman's death. According to several testimonies, Bowman went to the Contempo Apartments in Hammond, LA to purchase a quantity of marijuana. Eason planned to rob Bowman during the drug transaction when Bowman pulled out a gun. Eason then shot Bowman in the chest and left the apartment complex in her vehicle driving her body to the Desire Housing Projects in New Orleans where he then burned the vehicle inside of a deserted building. Afterwards, Eason had his then girlfriend and friend pick him up from New Orleans and bring him back to Hammond, LA. This information then led to Eason's arrest.

An autopsy revealed that Bowman died of a gunshot wound to the chest area prior to the fire being started. Her lungs were devoid of any soot indicating that she did not inhale any smoke. Being that the victim's body and vehicle were badly burned, investigators were not able to recover DNA evidence from the scene or her body.

Eason is scheduled to be sentenced by Judge Robert H. Morrison on April 17, 2018.

## **FORMER INDEPENDENCE MAYOR INDICTED**

Former Independence mayor, Michael Ragusa, was indicted by Tangipahoa Parish Grand Jury on March 12, 2018 for one count of Malfeasance in Office. The indictment stems from allegations set out in audits performed by the Louisiana Legislative Auditors and subsequently investigated by the Louisiana Attorney General's Office.

Judge Charlotte Foster accepted the report of the Grand Jury and set Mr. Ragusa's bond at \$5,000.00. Mr. Ragusa's arraignment will be scheduled once he is booked and bonded.

## **TWENTY-FIRST NOTABLE PLEAS**

**Jimmy Bowlin**, age 38, of Denham Springs, LA, pleaded no contest to indecent behavior with a juvenile. He was sentenced to 10 years with the department of corrections. Time is to be served without the benefit of probation, parole, or suspension of sentence.

**Derrick Lockhart**, age 41, of Ponchatoula, LA, pleaded no contest to two counts of indecent behavior with a juvenile. He was sentenced to five years with the department of corrections. He received credit for time served.

**Dustin Miller**, age 18, of Denham Springs, LA, pleaded no contest to 44 counts of simple burglary, five counts of attempted simple burglary, and one count of theft. He was sentenced to six years with the department of corrections for each count. Time is to be served concurrently.

**Jacob Poche**, age 24, of Walker, LA, pleaded no contest to possession of pornography involving juveniles and video voyeurism sexual intent. He was sentenced to five years with the department of corrections. He received credit for time served.

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***LIVINGSTON GRAND JURY INDICTMENTS***

A Livingston Parish Grand Jury has issued a True Bill of Indictment on Chad Glascock for one count of second degree murder and one count of obstruction of justice in the death of Brent Pollard. The case has been assigned to Division B, Judge Charlotte Foster.

Allegations are that on December 20, 2017 the defendant strangled the victim to death during an altercation and duct taped his hands and feet and tried to bury him off of Red Oak Road under leaves and pine straw. Deputies began an investigation and discovered the body after family members had reported the victim missing.

Arraignment for Glasscock has been scheduled for March 14, 2018.

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A Livingston Parish Grand Jury has issued a True Bill of Indictment on James Smith III for one count of second degree murder and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon in the death of Randy Favron Jr. This case has been assigned to Division F, Judge Elizabeth Wolfe.

Allegations are that on November 12, 2017 the defendant and the victim got into a verbal altercation while at the victim's home. During the altercation the defendant fired the weapon striking the victim twice. The victim died shortly after at a local hospital.

Arraignment for Smith is scheduled for March 21, 2018.

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A Livingston Parish Grand Jury has issued a True Bill of Indictment on Daniel Graham for one count of attempted second degree murder. This case is assigned to Division F, Judge Elizabeth Wolfe.

On August 5, 2017, Graham was arrested by Livingston Parish deputies following a shooting that struck the victim in the face and abdomen.

Arraignment for Graham is scheduled for April 18, 2018.

These cases are unrelated.