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CASE OF INTEREST

Defendants Sentenced for Charges Stemming from Massage Parlor Robbery

DATE: September 16, 2016

CASE: Devonte Graham, Ira Swanson & Daquan Cooper

PROSECUTOR: Deputy District Attorney Aaron Miller, Career Criminal Prosecution Unit

The Honorable Sharon Lueras sentenced Devonte Graham to 90 years and 4 months to life in prison. Ira Swanson was sentenced to 30 years and 4 months in prison and Daquan Cooper was sentenced to 20 years in prison. On August 11, 2016, a jury convicted Devonte Graham of second-degree murder, along with an allegation that he intentionally discharged a firearm causing the victim's death. Graham and co-defendants Swanson and Cooper were also convicted of two counts of second-degree robbery, personal use of a firearm during the robbery, and being felons in possession of firearms.

On December 15, 2014, Graham, Swanson and Cooper entered a massage parlor on El Camino Avenue. All three defendants produced handguns and pointed them at two women who were working at the business. Swanson repeatedly struck one of the victims in the head with his handgun while demanding property from her. Graham struck the second victim in the head with his handgun. The defendants fled with stolen cash and property to a waiting SUV outside. The victim, Jemahl Loharsingh, was sitting inside the SUV during the robbery. When Graham didn't want to give any of the stolen money to Loharsingh, the two got into an argument. Graham then shot Loharsingh five times, killing him.

Graham has a prior 2011 strike conviction for residential burglary. Swanson has a prior 2012 strike conviction for robbery. Cooper was on probation for felony gun possession at the time of this offense.