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CASE OF INTEREST

Mother & Daughter Sentenced for Death of Disabled Victim

DATE: August 26, 2016

CASE: Sheila Johnson & Ravetra Jones

PROSECUTOR: Deputy District Attorney Kari Reeve, Homicide Unit

The Honorable Michael Kenny sentenced Sheila Johnson to 15 years to life in prison. Johnson's daughter, Ravetra Jones, was sentenced to 4 years, 8 months in prison. On June 29, 2016, Johnson pled no contest to second-degree murder and Jones pled no contest to involuntary manslaughter and fraud.

Thirty-seven-year-old Monique Johnson was developmentally disabled, non-verbal, and unable to walk. Monique lived with her mother, Sheila Johnson. Initially, Johnson was paid by In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) as Monique's full-time caregiver. Then Jones, who is Monique's sister, was paid by IHSS as Monique's caregiver.

On February 12, 2014, Monique died from severe neglect, dehydration, and starvation. She weighed 36 pounds at the time of her death. Various agencies attempted to intervene prior to Monique's death about concerns over her care. Sheila Johnson was offered free services and assistance to help with Monique's care, many of which she refused. Ravetra Jones allowed Monique's health condition to deteriorate to the point of death, while simultaneously receiving payment for services.