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CASE OF INTEREST

Defendants Convicted for Charges Stemming from Massage Parlor Robbery

DATE: August 12, 2016

CASE: Devonte Graham, Ira Swanson & Daquan Cooper

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

Devonte Graham was convicted by a jury of second-degree murder, along with an allegation that he intentionally discharged a firearm causing the victim's death. Graham and co-defendants Ira Swanson and Daquan 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. When Graham didn't want to give any of the stolen money to Jemahl Loharsingh, who was outside in the SUV during the robbery, 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.

Graham faces a maximum potential sentence of 70 years to life in prison. Swanson faces a maximum potential sentence of 30 years, 4 months in prison. Cooper faces a maximum sentence of 20 years, 4 months in prison. Sentencing for all three defendants is set for September 9, 2016, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 38 before the Honorable Sharon Lueras.