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CASE OF INTEREST

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CASE: Christopher Corey Compton & Jazz Curry

PROSECUTOR: Deputy District Attorney Amy Holliday, Homicide Unit

District Attorney Anne Marie Schubert announced today that the Honorable Steve White sentenced Jazz Curry to life in prison without the possibility of parole plus an additional 25 years to life in prison.

On January 29, 2015, a jury convicted Christopher Compton and Jazz Curry of the first-degree murder of Tralane Thomas. The jury also found that the defendants committed the murder during the commission of a robbery. In addition, the jury found that Curry shot the victim with a .40 caliber handgun causing death, and that Compton was armed with a shotgun during the commission of these crimes.

The defendants both resided in Richmond, California. On January 30, 2012, they were in Sacramento visiting friends from high school. The defendants purchased marijuana from the victim earlier in the day and obtained his phone number so they could buy more at another time. They then planned to rob the victim later the same day. After arming themselves with a handgun and sawed off shotgun, the defendants returned to the area where the victim lived and called him under the guise of wanting to buy more marijuana. When the victim approached them, they displayed their weapons. During the process of robbing the victim, Curry shot the victim three times. Both defendants fled. Curry was located in a nearby apartment the next day and Compton was arrested in Richmond two weeks later.

Compton will be sentenced on April 3, 2015 in Department 21 by the Honorable Steve White.