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CASE OF INTEREST

Defendant Convicted of 2nd Degree Murder, Possession of Firearm

DATE: March 4, 2016

CASE: Jerome Bernard Butler

PROSECUTOR: Deputy District Attorney William Satchell, Homicide Unit

Jerome Bernard Butler was convicted by jury of second-degree murder and possession of a firearm by a felon. The jury also found true that Butler discharged a firearm causing death.

On September 5, 2014, Carl Talent was in front of Butler's residence when he got into an argument with Butler's girlfriend and her son over a bicycle. After Mr. Talent left the area, Butler's girlfriend told Butler that Mr. Talent had threatened her son during the argument. Approximately 15 minutes later, Butler left his residence and saw Mr. Talent about a mile away. Butler began arguing with Mr. Talent, pulled out a handgun and shot him twice, killing him.

Because Butler has two prior strike convictions, he faces a potential sentence of 86 years to life in prison. Sentencing is set for May 20, 2016, at 10:00 a.m. in Department 20 before the Honorable Michael Sweet.