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CASE OF INTEREST

Defendant Convicted for Attempted Murder in Drug Deal

DATE: July 27, 2017

CASE: Damien Tardy (Case #16FE015244)

PROSECUTOR: Deputy District Attorney James Wax, Career Criminal Prosecution Unit

Damien Tardy was convicted by a jury of attempted murder. The jury also found true the allegations that Tardy intentionally discharged a firearm causing great bodily injury, and that the offense was committed willfully, deliberately and with premeditation.

Shortly after midnight on August 2, 2016, the victim met Damien Tardy and another man at a South Sacramento motel to purchase heroin. When the victim determined the heroin was poor quality, he went back to the motel to get his money back. The three men then drove to the north area of Sacramento and purchased better quality heroin. After they sat in the car for a few minutes, Tardy said he had to get something out of the trunk and exited the car. When the victim then exited the car, Tardy drew a gun and fired two shots, striking the victim in his head and neck. The victim fell to the ground and tried to crawl away from Tardy, who then fired several additional shots, striking the victim in his torso and leg. Police were called to the scene and the victim was transported to a hospital, where he received several surgeries.

Tardy faces a maximum sentence of 32 years to life in prison. Sentencing is set for August 23, 2017, at 11:00 a.m. in Department 29 before the Honorable Timothy Frawley.