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CASE OF INTEREST

Siblings Sentenced for Murdering Tenant

DATE: May 27, 2016

CASE: Monica Njoku & Monterio Roberts

PROSECUTOR: Deputy District Attorney Thomas Asker, Homicide Unit

The Honorable Marjorie Koller sentenced Monterio Roberts to 16 years to life in prison and Monica Njoku to 15 years to life in prison. On October 22, 2015, a jury convicted Njoku and Roberts of second-degree murder. The jury also found true a use of a deadly weapon allegation for Roberts.

Monica Njoku owned a house, which she rented out to single parents with dependents. On November 16, 2014, she demanded one of her tenants and the tenant's baby leave the house immediately. Another tenant, Edward White, protested and told Njoku she had to give the tenant at least a 3-day notice, which led to a heated argument.

Njoku called her brother, Monterio Roberts, and her sister-in-law to come to the house. Roberts threatened Mr. White and Njoku began harassing the female tenant. When Mr. White called 911, Njoku locked Mr. White's 2-year-old son out of the house. Roberts then pulled out a switch blade knife and attacked Mr. White. Njoku and her sister-in-law then jumped into the fight. Mr. White was stabbed three times in the torso. He died at the hospital from internal bleeding.