

Career Criminal Sentenced for Attempted Murder of Officers



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DATE: October 15, 2018

CASE: Justin Hurst (Case #16FE017117)

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

The Honorable Steve White sentenced Justin Hurst to 92 years to life in prison. On May 17, 2018, a jury convicted Hurst of attempted murder and assault with a semi-automatic firearm on a peace officer, reckless evading of a peace officer, possession of an assault weapon, possession of a short-barreled shotgun and four counts of felon in possession of a firearm. The jury also found true enhancements that Hurst intentionally discharged a firearm and that he knew and intended to fire at peace officers.

On September 1, 2016, two Citrus Heights police officers contacted Justin Hurst, who was asleep in a parked vehicle. Hurst was on Post-Release Community Supervision and had a felony warrant. Officers directed Hurst to keep his hands on the steering wheel, but he instead sped away and led the officers on a high-speed chase in a residential neighborhood. During the chase, Hurst fired multiple rounds at the officers. Hurst crashed his car into a resident's fence, and was taken to a hospital to treat his injuries. A search of his car revealed 13 cartridge casings, four firearms and boxes of ammunition.

Additional allegations that Hurst has a prior 1999 strike conviction for first-degree burglary and three prior convictions

for being a felon in possession of a firearm were found true at sentencing.

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