

# Defendant Convicted of Murdering Girlfriend



## Sacramento County District Attorney's Office

*Semper Justitia*

**DATE:** April 12, 2023

**CASE:** Clint Parker (Case #19FE000001)

**PROSECUTOR:** Principal Criminal Attorney Allison Dunham, Homicide Unit

Clint Parker was convicted by a jury of the second-degree murder of Megan Carling-Smith.

On November 21, 2018, Clint Parker called 911 from his Carmichael apartment to report that Megan Carling-Smith was unresponsive, not breathing and blood was coming from her mouth. Parker also told the 911 operator that the two had been in a car accident the night before. When Sacramento Metro Fire arrived on scene, they found the victim badly bruised on her face and body. She was pronounced deceased shortly thereafter. Firefighters questioned Parker about the alleged car accident the night before. They quickly grew suspicious as Parker's story continued to change and called the Sacramento Sheriff's Office to investigate. Parker continued to report his car accident story to detectives, going as far as bringing them to the alleged crash scene where there was no evidence of a car accident. Additional evidence showed Parker's account of the night of the car accident did not happen.

An autopsy revealed the victim died of blunt force trauma to the head causing bleeding in her brain and neck compression (strangulation).

Parker faces a maximum sentence of 15 years to life in prison.

**Sentencing is set for June 9, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 13  
before the Honorable Matthew Gary.**

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