

Defendant Sentenced for Murder During Robbery



Sacramento County District Attorney's Office

Semper Justitia

DATE: December 20, 2019

CASE: Shylow Therman (Case #18FE024651)

PROSECUTOR: Deputy District Attorney Casey Newton, Homicide Unit

The Honorable Laurel White sentenced Shylow Therman to life in prison without the possibility of parole. On November 21, 2019, a jury convicted Therman of the first-degree murder of Dorthea Brewer with the special circumstance that Therman committed the murder while engaged in a robbery. The jury found that Therman personally discharged a firearm causing death. The jury also found that Therman had previously been convicted of armed bank robbery in Federal court, a strike under California law.

On December 22, 2018, the victim went to a store on Florin Road to buy lottery tickets. Shylow Therman was also in the store and stood behind the victim in line. When the victim returned to her vehicle, Therman stuck a gun in the window, grabbed the victim's purse and demanded her money. During the struggle at the window, Therman shot the victim once in the head and then fled.

Sacramento Fire transported the victim to the hospital, where she died. Detectives recognized Therman in surveillance video from the store. When Therman was arrested, he had a .40 caliber black Glock pistol in his waistband. The District Attorney's Crime Lab matched the firearm to the .40 caliber shell casing that was found at the shooting scene.