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Re: People v. Warren Herman Sloan

Today, in Department 4 of the Solano County Superior Court before the Honorable E. Bradley Nelson, presiding, Defendant Warren Sloan III was sentenced for the senseless killing of Clarence James (47), also known as “Bammer Dave.”

The defendant had previously entered a plea of no contest to Voluntary Manslaughter with the Use of Firearm, Being a Felon in Possession of a Firearm, and admitting that he suffered a prior strike conviction for Robbery. The Court sentenced Defendant Sloan to the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation for a term of 27 years 4 months. Upon his completion of that term, the defendant will begin serving a term of 52 years to life for the murder of Cheynah Watson. The defendant had previously been convicted by jury in June 2015 of First Degree Murder with the Use of a Knife for the brutal and heinous murder of Cheynah Watson.



On March 12, 2012, after just returning to his home on Hayes Street in Fairfield, Clarence David James was shot numerous times in the head and neck area while in his driveway. He was able to communicate with responding police officers and medical personnel, but later succumbed to his injuries at John Muir Trauma Center. Less than three weeks later, the defendant brutally and viciously murdered 19 year- old Cheynah Watson with a knife stabbing her 26 times.

The defendant fled the Fairfield area, but after 11 days of searching for him, police located him in Fortuna, California. With the assistance of Fortuna Police Department and the US Marshall, the defendant was arrested. Detectives Pucci and Trojanowski from the Fairfield Police Department made contact with the defendant in Fortuna. He was subsequently transported back to Solano County to be arraigned on the murder of Cheynah Watson. With that case pending, the Fairfield Police Department continued in their efforts to solve the murder of Clarence James. After extensive investigation, the defendant was charged in October 2012 with Clarence James’ murder.

Clarence James’ family has been waiting for justice since his death. Today, Lorraine James, sister of Clarence James, said she felt with defendant’s plea justice has been served. “This defendant is a danger to society. He viciously and violently took two lives and shattered the lives of many others. Through his words, threats, and conduct, he has instilled fear in so many people that have been touched by the death of

Cheyneh Watson and Clarence James. Although the sentence imposed today will never undo the tremendous damage he has done, the life sentence will ensure he will not be able to harm another,” Abrams said.

Lorraine James addressed the court today and her heartfelt words were compelling. She talked about her brother’s own journey and challenges in life including his time in state prison and how he wanted to come out and be a better man and that he did. She read a card she received from Clarence James when he got out which said, “Happy Mother’s Day, Life is gonna only get better and I am going to be the glue that makes us all stick together and celebrate all holidays together as a family.” Love, David. She said he was loved by so many and will never be forgotten.

This case could not have been prosecuted without the all the efforts by Fortuna Police Department, US Marshalls Office, Detectives from the Fairfield Police Department, and Investigators and Victim Witness Assistants from the District Attorney’s Office.



Clarence James