

# *News Release*

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## **CONVICTED MURDERER PLEADS GUILTY IN 2006 COLD CASE – SENTENCED TO 40 YEARS IN PRISON**

Solicitor Scarlett Wilson announced that Tommy Montgomery of North Charleston plead Guilty this week to the 2006 Murder of Pamela Fyall.

Fyall was found dead in a downtown Charleston park on June 23, 2006. Examiners determined that she had been strangled and beaten and cut with a bottle found at the scene. The City of Charleston Police Department worked diligently to investigate many potential leads, but the case went cold after all were unfounded.

On December 8, 2009, Montgomery was accused of killing his roommate, Brandon Jamison, also of North Charleston, stabbing him almost 100 times. Montgomery plead Guilty but Mentally Ill to Murder in that case on June 6, 2011, Judge Roger Young imposed a 30 year sentence, and Montgomery was sent to the South Carolina Department of Corrections.

Montgomery was forced to submit a DNA sample when he entered the prison system, as do all inmates. At that time, his DNA was linked to the 2006 cold case Murder of Fyall. Investigators determined that his DNA was found in the mouth and under the fingernails of the victim. Further, investigators lifted his fingerprints from the bottle that was the Murder weapon found at the scene. He plead Guilty to Murder in the cold case on June 26, 2013 and Judge Markley Dennis imposed a 40 year sentence.

Assistant Solicitor Burns Wetmore prosecuted both cases and stated, “The collection of DNA from inmates when they enter the State prison system helps police investigators solve cases like this one, and helps prosecutors achieve some measure of closure for victims’ families.”

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