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JUDGE SENTENCES KILLER TO FORTY-FIVE YEARS FOR HOLLYWOOD MURDER

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Charleston, S.C.— Solicitor Scarlett A. Wilson announced that a Charleston County jury returned guilty verdicts for Murder and Possession of a Weapon during the Commission of a Violent Crime against Deandre' Antuan Nesbitt Cochran (d.o.b. 10-16-90) after a three-and-a-half-day trial. Judge Deadra Jefferson sentenced Cochran to 45 years in prison. Solicitor Wilson stated, "Cooperating witnesses solved this case and brought home the conviction. Without them, this would have been either a not guilty verdict or an unsolved cold case."

Testimony revealed that on Tuesday, August 8, 2023, at approximately 5:20PM, officers with the Charleston County Sheriff's Office responded to the area of Hwy 162 and Storage Road in Hollywood, South Carolina. Upon arrival, officers and emergency medical personnel discovered the victim, Herman Prioleau, seated in the front passenger seat of a Nissan sedan owned by his cousin. Mr. Prioleau had sustained a single gunshot wound to his head and was pronounced dead on the scene.

The Victim's Cousin reported that the Defendant shot the victim from the seat behind the Victim while the Cousin was driving the Defendant and another witness to a home in Charleston County. After the shooting, the rear-seat witness threw the gun through a partially opened window. The Defendant demanded the Cousin stop the car. The Defendant wiped the door handle before exiting the vehicle, turned off his phone and then fled the area.

The vehicle was processed for evidence. A single latent fingerprint led to the identity of the other witness who had already spoken to law enforcement. That witness also identified the Defendant as the murderer.

The Defendant was located in Florida after being arrested there on a variety of unrelated charges. He was transferred to Charleston County after serving out his sentence for his Florida crimes. The Defendant waived extradition and was placed under arrest for his Murder and Possession of a Weapon during the Commission of a Violent Crime after his return from Florida. He has remained incarcerated since.

The case was investigated by Charleston County Sheriff's Office and the Colleton County Sheriff's Office and was prosecuted by Timmy Finch and Chaplin Hughes of the Ninth Circuit Solicitor's Office.

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