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### **Antoinette Garrett receives 12 year prison sentence for killing Jerry Robinson**

Today, Multnomah County District Attorney Rod Underhill announced 34-year-old Antoinette Garrett pleaded guilty to one count of manslaughter in the first degree and that she received a 12 year prison sentence.

"This is a heartbreaking case," Multnomah County Chief Deputy District Attorney Chuck Sparks, who prosecuted the case, said at the time of sentencing. "This very unfortunate incident was something that was very tragic... (Mr. Robinson's) family has lost him, his mother has lost him and she is deeply pained."

According to court documents previously filed in this case, this investigation started on November 2, 2016 when Garrett stabbed Jerry Robinson, 36, in the chest, which caused his death. The Oregon State Medical Examiner's Office determined the manner of death to be homicidal violence. At the time of his death, Mr. Robinson was not living with Garrett at her apartment.

During this investigation, it was determined Mr. Robinson and the defendant had been in a relationship for approximately eight years and had a child together.

Officers from the Portland Police Bureau initially responded to the apartment complex where Robinson was residing, in the 5500 block of Northeast 60<sup>th</sup> Avenue, after a concern neighbor reported a domestic disturbance between a male and female. Approximately, 40 minutes after the initial disturbance was reported, Garrett called 9-1-1 and requested an ambulance to her location because a man was unconscious and not breathing. Garrett reported the man, later identified as Robinson, was on the floor and that "somebody stabbed him."

As part of Monday's plea agreement, Garrett admitted she was the one who stabbed Robinson, which caused his death.

"In the criminal justice system, we need to find ways to resolve cases and the Constitution demands we resolve them in ways that are consistent with similar cases that have been resolved," Multnomah County Circuit Court Judge Eric J. Bergstrom told the Robinson family after accepting Garrett's plea agreement. "Most cases like this are chaotic and unclear and only the people who were there can really say what happened and sometimes those people can't... At the end of the day, it was a tremendous tragedy."

Domestic violence can include physical violence, verbal attacks, psychological manipulation, sexual abuse, financial abuse, or other forms of control by a partner or family member. If you need assistance, contact "[Call to Safety](#)" at 503-235-5333 or toll-free at 1-888-235-5333 if you are not experiencing an emergency, but need to talk to someone immediately.

Domestic and sexual violence can take many forms and affect all kinds of people. The Multnomah County District Attorney's Office wants you to know that you are not at fault for any of the abuse you may have experienced, and that there are people who can help.

The [Gateway Center](#) is an in person resource location that operates Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. No appointments are necessary. At the Gateway Center, the Multnomah County District Attorney's Office is located on-site to provide consultation and help so that participants understand the court processes. They also help provide options if a participant chooses to prosecute their abuser.

For emergency response, contact 9-1-1.

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