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### **JAMAINE OLIVER JR. SENTENCED TO 150 MONTHS IN PRISON FOLLOWING MANSLAUGHTER CONVICTION**

Today, Multnomah County District Attorney Rod Underhill announced a 150 month prison sentence for Jamaine Oliver Jr., 19, following his conviction of one count of manslaughter in the first degree with a firearm.

On October 27, 2016, at approximately 10:12 p.m., Gresham Police officers responded to reports of a shooting at Northeast 162<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and Northeast Glisan Street. Upon arrival, they located Christopher Moss Jr. suffering from critical injuries. Moss died as a result of a gunshot wound.

During the investigation, detectives assigned to the Gresham Police Department and East Multnomah County Major Crimes Team developed information that showed Oliver was the shooter. Police then took Oliver into custody shortly after the incident

On May 22, 2018, the defendant appeared before Multnomah County Circuit Court Judge Eric J. Bergstrom and pleaded guilty to one count of manslaughter in the first degree with a firearm. Oliver was formally sentenced on June 8, 2018.

"After carefully reviewing all of the evidence in this case, we judiciously negotiated the resolution of this matter to ensure Jamaine Oliver Jr. was held accountable for his actions on October 27, 2016," said Multnomah County Deputy District Attorney David Hannon, who prosecuted the case. "The District Attorney's Office would like to thank the witnesses who came forward and spoke with police the night Mr. Moss was killed. These witnesses were vital in getting this case prosecuted. We would also like to highlight the work of Gresham Police Detective Brandon Crate and Detective Aaron Turnage along with other investigators from the East Multnomah County Major Crimes Team all of whom worked diligently to track down leads, which ultimately resulted in discovery of the firearm used in this case."

During the sentencing hearing, Christopher Moss Sr., the victim's father, told the court his family feels empty without Christopher. The family also spoke about their willingness to forgive Oliver.

"My prayers are that you don't have to ever go through what we're going through," Moss Sr. said. "I hope you find a way forward. You didn't have to pull the trigger that night. You didn't have to shoot my son. In my heart, I want to forgive you. It's the only way I will be at peace, but I will never forget."

Upon his release from prison, Oliver will be on 36 months of post-prison supervision.

*Media: Photos of Christopher Moss, courtesy of his family, are being included with this release.*

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