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### **Three defendants sentenced in criminal homicide of Shawn Scott Jr.**

Today, Multnomah County District Attorney Rod Underhill announced the sentencing of three individuals who pleaded guilty for the criminal homicide of 17-year-old Shawn Scott Jr.

Kole Jones, 20, appeared in Multnomah County Circuit Court on November 21, 2018 and pleaded guilty to manslaughter in the first degree and attempted robbery in the first degree with a firearm. He received a 19 year prison sentence.

Miguel Thompson, 20, appeared in Multnomah County Circuit Court on November 30, 2018 and pleaded guilty to manslaughter in the second degree and robbery in the first degree. He received a 13 year and nine month prison sentence on January 4, 2019.

Malique Kinnerly-Hicks, 18, appeared in Multnomah County Circuit Court on November 18, 2018 and pleaded guilty to robbery in the first degree. He received a 7.5 year prison sentence that shall be served at the Oregon Youth Authority.

This investigation started on April 11, 2017 at approximately 4:30 p.m. when officers assigned to the Portland Police Bureau responded to Holladay Park after receiving 9-1-1 calls about a shooting. Upon arrival, law enforcement located Mr. Scott suffering from a fatal gunshot wound. During the investigation, members of the Portland Police Bureau's Homicide Detail were able to identify Jones, Thompson and Kinnerly-Hicks as the three suspects in Mr. Scott's death.

"That kid who meant nothing to you meant everything to his little brother and sister, his mother, his family and friends. We all loved him and needed him. I cannot express the agony I felt that day when the police showed up to my door to tell me that you killed my son. I can never put into words the torment that I feel everyday knowing that my son is gone and he is never coming home," Mr. Scott's mother, Natasha Hunter, said in a statement read by the Multnomah County District Attorney's Office during Thompson's sentencing hearing.

Law enforcement reviewed surveillance video that showed the three defendants approach Mr. Scott who was standing near a tree in Holladay Park in northeast Portland, Oregon. The video shows Scott and Thompson speaking during what was determined to be a sale of alcohol. After the transaction, the three defendants start to walk away but immediately return and surround Mr. Scott. Jones is seen on video pulling out a handgun and pointing the barrel of the gun in the middle of Mr. Scott's back. Jones assaults Mr. Scott with the gun by hitting him over the head, causing a round to be fired from the gun, which killed Mr. Scott. All three defendants ran from the scene.

During the investigation, law enforcement learned that the defendants was planning to rob Mr. Scott of his designer belt.

"Junior was an amazing kid. He was the most loyal person I have ever known. He was the most generous person, he would do anything he could for those he loved. He was an irreplaceable friend that was always a shoulder to lean on and a support to anyone who needed it. He would always encourage others and do anything that he could to bring a smile to their face. He was always joking and laughing and full of energy, full of life. He was irreplaceable," Ms. Hunter's statement read.

This case was prosecuted by Multnomah County Deputy District Attorneys Elisabeth Waner and Tara Gardner.

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