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Felaua'l Satele sentenced to 276 months in prison for September 2016 homicide

Today, Multnomah County District Attorney Rod Underhill announced that 40-year-old Felaua'l Satele received a 276 month prison sentence for causing the death of 45-year-old Michael Hoven.

This investigation started on September 23, 2016 around 11 a.m. when law enforcement responded to reports of a shooting in the Centennial Neighborhood.

On February 11, 2019, Satele changed his plea to one count of manslaughter in the first degree with a firearm, one count of attempted assault in the second degree, one count of attempted aggravated theft in the first degree and one count of being a felon in possession of a firearm.

Christa Hoven, Mr. Hoven's mother, remembered her son as someone who loved to cook, and who had a passion for real estate. In court on Wednesday, others remembered him as "fiercely loyal" to his family and friends.

"On September 23, 2016, we lost a friend, partner, cousin, son, uncle, father, grandfather and little brother," Brian Hoven, Mr. Hoven's brother said in court.

According to court documents, Satele and Jessica Hutchinson planned to rob Mr. Hoven.

Mr. Hoven was found deceased in his residence in the 1700 block of Southeast 162nd Avenue of Portland, Oregon. Mr. Hoven was known for having narcotics and money inside his home, according to court documents.

Video surveillance captured Satele, Hutchinson and a third person arriving at Mr. Hoven's residence in a vehicle driven by Hutchinson, according to court documents.

Hutchinson was the first to exit the vehicle and went inside Mr. Hoven's residence alone. Moments later, the surveillance video recorded Satele getting out of the vehicle, putting a hood over his head and walking to the door.

According to court documents, once Satele entered the home, he and Hutchinson walked into the room where Mr. Hoven was seated. Satele pulled out a gun and exchanged gunfire with Mr. Hoven, killing him. As previously released by the Portland Police Bureau, Mr. Hoven was shot multiple times.

Hutchinson was shot in the arm and Satele was shot in the hand, side and lower leg, according to court documents.

The video surveillance captured Satele, Hutchinson and the third person leaving the scene in the same vehicle they arrived in. Hutchinson was again the driver, according to court documents.

On July 23, 2018, Hutchinson pleaded guilty to one count of murder, one count of manslaughter and one count of criminal conspiracy to commit robbery.

Her sentencing is tentatively scheduled for May 17, 2019 with Multnomah County Chief Criminal Judge Cheryl A. Albrecht.

This case is being litigated by Multnomah County Senior Deputy District Attorneys J.R. Ujifusa and David Hannon.

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