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People v. Bradley A. Servis, 2018 CF 595 & 2019 CF 66

Bradley A. Servis, formerly of 113 E. 11th Street, Danville, Illinois, was sentenced today to fifteen (15) years in the Illinois Department of Corrections for the offense of Solicitation of Murder, a Class X Felony. Truth in sentencing applies to the crime, meaning Servis must serve at a minimum 85% of the term. Servis was further sentenced to one (1) year in the Illinois Department of Corrections for Hate Crime, a Class 4 Felony. Day-for-day sentencing applies to that crime; however, the sentence is consecutive to the term of imprisonment for the Solicitation of Murder. The entire sixteen (16) year sentence shall be followed by three (3) years of Mandatory Supervised Release (*i.e.*, Parole).

Vermilion County Circuit Judge Charles Hall entered the sentence upon hearing evidence establishing that during the summer months of 2018, Servis damaged the property of a neighbor, being her car and garage. The Vermilion County Sheriff's Department investigated the crimes, and established that the motivation for Servis' crimes against the neighbor, a black female, was, in part, due to her race. Servis ultimately confessed to the crimes, was arrested, and thereafter taken to the Vermilion County Jail.

Within months of Servis' incarceration, Vermilion County Sheriff's Investigator Arik Bruens learned that Servis approached another inmate seeking assistance in having the neighbor killed, thus preventing her from testifying in Court. Acting quickly and prudently, the Investigator enlisted the assistance of a Special Agent with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), obtained judicial authorization to utilize an eavesdropping device, and upon having the ATF Agent pose as a "hit-man," obtained audio-taped evidence of Servis requesting the undercover Agent to eliminate his neighbor.

State's Attorney Jacqueline Lacy thanked the law enforcement agencies involved, notably Investigator Bruens and the undercover Special Agent, for their professionalism and expediency in orchestrating an investigation resulting in the charges against Servis. "This defendant's initial crimes against his neighbor were despicable enough, but his attempts to have her murdered were simply horrendous and intolerable," stated Ms. Lacy. "The officers in this matter undoubtedly saved a life; providing assurance to all crime victims that they will be protected," the State's Attorney continued, "and this community is fortunate for their dedication and service."