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People v. Terrion Tinsley 2020-CF-57

State's Attorney Obtains Life Sentence for Brutal Murders of Two Elderly Danville Men

On April 1, 2024, State's Attorney Jacqueline Lacy obtained a sentence of life in prison for Terrion Tinsley (DOB: 4/10/2003), formerly of Danville, Illinois, for the violent murders of Nathaniel Gentry and Cordell Reed, which occurred in the home of Cordell Reed.

Circuit Judge Derek Girton sentenced Terrion Tinsley to life in prison following the guilty verdict by a Vermilion County Jury on January 12, 2024, of First Degree Murder of victims Nathaniel Gentry and Cordell Reed. The Jury found that the actions of Tinsley were brutal and heinous indicative of wanton cruelty as to both victims. In handing down the life sentence, Judge Girton was deliberate and thoughtful in his determination, after applying the facts to the law.

During the sentencing hearing, State's Attorney Lacy recalled evidence that was presented during the trial, reiterating that Tinsley stabbed Cordell Reed and brutally beat and bludgeoned the victims to death. She stated, "Terrion Tinsley had every opportunity to leave 440 Elm Street that night, but he stayed and made sure the job was done."

State's Attorney Lacy thanked the Danville Police Department and the Illinois State Police Agencies, as well as Forensic Pathologist, Dr. Scott Denton, for each of their vital contributions to this investigation. Lacy said, "These victims did nothing to deserve this. They were innocent, decent citizens of our community." Lacy added, "The sentence from Judge Girton today sends a strong message to our community that we will not stand for senseless acts of violence. I hope this sentence provides some sense of closure for the victims' families."

The third defendant is scheduled for trial May, 2024.

