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EATONTOWN MAN RECEIVES 17 YEAR STATE PRISON TERM FOR BEATING DEATH OF FORMER EMPLOYER

On January 7, 2010, Tyrone Price, 23, of Eatontown, N. J., was sentenced to a 17 year State Prison term for first degree Aggravated Manslaughter in connection with the beating death of 45 year old Kevin Martin of Holmdel, N.J. The sentence was imposed by Monmouth County Superior Court Judge Jamie A. Perri. Pursuant to the "No Early Release Act," Judge Perri ordered that Price must serve 85% of the sentence, or approximately 14 years, 5 months and 4 days, before he becomes eligible for release on parole.

Price pled guilty to the charge before Judge Perri on October 6, 2009, pursuant to a negotiated plea agreement with the Monmouth County Prosecutor's Office. The negotiated plea agreement was reached after consultation with and approval by the victim's family.

On August 29, 2008, at approximately 3:50 p.m., the Holmdel Township Police Department was dispatched to a residence on Mulberry Lane in Holmdel, N.J. There, officers discovered a resident of the home, Mr. Martin, lying face down on the driveway, bleeding profusely from his head and face. Emergency medical personnel were unable to revive Mr. Martin, who was pronounced dead at the scene. An autopsy which was conducted by the Monmouth County Medical Examiner's Office determined that Mr. Martin died as a result of blunt force trauma to the head and neck.

A collaborative investigation which was conducted by the Monmouth County Prosecutor's Office and the Holmdel Township Police Department revealed that Price, a former employee of Mr. Martin's electrical contracting business, traveled to Mr. Martin's home earlier on the afternoon of the crime. A verbal argument ensued between Price and Mr. Martin outside of the residence. During this argument, Price struck Mr. Martin, knocking him to the ground. Price then began to repeatedly kick Mr. Martin in the face and head as he lay defenseless on the ground, resulting in Mr. Martin's death.

Price was located and apprehended in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on August 30, 2008. He subsequently waived his right to an extradition hearing and was voluntarily returned to Monmouth County.

Monmouth County Prosecutor Luis A. Valentin credited the cooperative efforts of the Holmdel Township Police Department, the Philadelphia Police Department and the Monmouth County Prosecutor's Office for the swift identification and apprehension of Price.

The case was assigned to Assistant Monmouth County Prosecutors Michael J. Wojciechowski and Nicole J. Colucci. Price was represented by Allison Tucker, Esquire, of Freehold, N.J.

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