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ASBURY PARK MAN SENTENCED TO TEN YEAR PRISON TERM FOR FATAL JUNE 2007 SHOOTING

On January 22, 2010, Shomari Jackson, 32, of Asbury Park, N.J., was sentenced to a 10 year State Prison term for the second degree crimes of Manslaughter and Certain Persons Not to Possess Firearms. The charges stem from the June 18, 2007, shooting death of Derek Grier, 30, of Asbury Park. The sentence is subject to the "No Early Release Act," which means that Jackson must serve 85% of the sentence imposed, or approximately 8 years and 6 months, before he will become eligible for release on parole.

Jackson pled guilty to the charges on December 1, 2009, before Monmouth County Superior Court Judge Ira E. Kreizman. The guilty pleas were entered into pursuant to a negotiated plea agreement. The terms of the negotiated plea agreement were arrived at following consultation with the victim's family.

During the early morning hours of June 18, 2007, officers from the Asbury Park Police Department responded to the area of Comstock Street in the vicinity of the Elks Lodge following a report of gunfire. Mr. Grier was found in the street and was pronounced dead at the scene.

An autopsy conducted by the Monmouth County Medical Examiner's Office revealed that Mr. Grier sustained three gunshot wounds which led to his death.

An investigation into the shooting was immediately commenced by the Monmouth County Prosecutor's Office and the Asbury Park Police Department. The investigation identified Jackson as the shooter. Jackson was arrested in Asbury Park on June 28, 2007, by members of the Monmouth County Prosecutor's Office and the Asbury Park Police Department. During the course of the investigation, a 9 mm Taurus handgun was recovered from the Sewall Avenue residence where Jackson was staying.

The case was assigned to Assistant Monmouth County Prosecutors Sean J. Brennan and Joseph Competello. Jackson was represented by John Goins, Esquire, of Elizabeth, N.J.

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