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PRESS RELEASE

Hinds County Jury finds Defendant: Adrian Montgomery Guilty of Deprave Heart Murder

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For Immediate Release

(Jackson, Miss) Hinds County District Attorney Robert Shuler Smith announced on November 10, 2016, that Jackson resident Adrian Montgomery (36) was found guilty of Depraved Heart Murder.

On July 6, 2013, Jackson Police responded to 800 Poindexter Street, in reference to an assault. According to JPD a witness stated, Adrian Montgomery fled the scene after he hit the victim Terome O'Neal in the face several times. JPD determined that that the victim Terome O'Neal was beaten severely and because of O'Neal's injuries, he was transported to the University Of Mississippi Medical Center with severe head trauma. On July 9, 2013, Terome O'Neal succumbed to his injuries.

Further investigation revealed that Adrian Montgomery lived at a local homeless shelter. JPD was able to locate and identify Montgomery at a local homeless shelter, at which time he was interviewed. During the interview, Adrian Montgomery admitted he struck the victim O'Neal in the face several times.

A sentencing hearing is set for December 19, 2016 at 9:00 a.m., by the Honorable Judge Winston L. Kidd.