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PRESS RELEASE

Hinds County Offender Shun Brown, Jr.-Sentenced to 25 years for Depraved Heart Murder.

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For Immediate Release

(Jackson, Miss) Hinds County District Attorney Robert Shuler Smith announced today that on November 16, 2015, the Honorable Judge Winston Kidd sentenced nineteen year old Shun Brown, Jr., to 25 years in the custody of the Mississippi Department of Corrections for the charge of Depraved Heart Murder.

Brown was sentenced for Depraved Heart Murder in the shooting death of victim, Mr. James Johnson of Texas. The victim, James Johnson was in town for a fishing event that was taking place on the Ross Barnett Reservoir. Johnson and his wife were staying at the Motel 6 off of I-55. Jackson Police Officers were able to review surveillance video from the hotel which led to Shun Brown, Jr. as a suspect.

On October 16, 2013, three days after the shooting, Jackson Police Officers took Brown into custody. Brown revealed that he went to the hotel to rob someone. He saw Mr. Johnson outside of his hotel room, he then approached Johnson, who was on the phone with a business associate, was shot him in the face by Shun Brown, Jr. Mr. Johnson's iPhone was not recovered from the scene of the shooting.

Hinds County District Attorney Robert Shuler Smith stated, "Shun Brown will spend the next 25 years of his life in prison for this heartless and senseless crime". Smith further stated, "Those persons who choose to commit crimes in Hinds County will be dealt with severely."