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PRESS RELEASE

James Jaderrick Atkinson sentenced to life without parole for the 2010 Bolton murder of Robert Hill, Jr.

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(JACKSON, MISS.) Hinds County District Attorney Robert Shuler Smith today announced James Jaderrick Atkinson, age 21, a resident of 2217 Lyons Rd. in Bolton, MS, has pled guilty to the August 2, 2010, murder of Robert Hill, Jr., also of Bolton.

Atkinson admitted to shooting Hill, age 23, six times with a .25 caliber pistol. Atkinson's DNA was found in Hill's front pants pocket, proving robbery was the motive in this case.

Atkinson's murder trial was scheduled to begin today in Raymond, MS. A number of witnesses were ready to testify they saw him and his brother, Lipatrick Decortez Atkinson, running away from the scene of the crime on Billy Fields Rd. in Bolton. Lipatrick Atkinson is scheduled to be tried March 3, 2014, as an Accessory Before the Fact to Hill's murder.

Immediately after entering his guilty plea, Atkinson was sentenced by Hinds County Circuit Judge Bill Gowan to life without parole.

"Hinds County citizens can be proud of the excellent work in this case by my prosecutors and the Hinds County Sheriff's Department," said Smith.

"Because of their hard work, life without parole was the best option for James Atkinson."

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