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PRESS RELEASE

Jackson Resident Israel Hughes, Jr. Pleads Guilty to Manslaughter-Sentence to 20 years in the custody of the Mississippi Department of Correction

July 25, 2016
For Immediate Release

Hinds County District Attorney Robert Shuler Smith announced today that Israel Hughes, Jr, 66, pled guilty to Manslaughter.

Israel Hughes, Jr. was scheduled to go to trial today for the killing of Jennifer Coleman. He opted instead to plead guilty.

On or about January 16, 2014 Jackson Police were called to an abandon house on McClure Road where Hughes was living. When Jackson Police officers arrived at 563 McClure Road, they found a lifeless Jennifer Coleman. She had been attacked and beaten to death. Hughes admitted to the Court that he beat her.

Israel Hughes, Jr. was sentenced on July 25, 2016 in the Hinds County Courthouse by the Honorable Judge Winston L. Kidd to serve 20 years in the custody of the Mississippi Department of Corrections.

D.A. Robert Shuler pledges to continue his efforts to seek justice on behalf of families who have lost loved ones at the hands of people like Israel Hughes, Jr.