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Sentencing in Colonie Murder Case



CHMIELEWSKI



MORELAND

ALBANY, NY – District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that two men were sentenced to State Prison today before the Honorable Judge Thomas A. Breslin in Albany County Supreme Court for their respective roles in the fatal 2015 stabbing of Jacquelyn Porreca.

On September 6, 2016, MICHAEL CHMIELEWSKI, 24, of Colonie, pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Murder in the First Degree, a Class A-1 Felony, and was sentenced to 22 years to Life in State Prison today.

On September 8, 2016, SEAN MORELAND, 33, of Colonie, pleaded guilty to (1) Count of

Hindering Prosecution in the First Degree, a Class D Felony, and was sentenced to 2 to 6 years in State Prison today.

MORELAND was previously sentenced to 8 years in State Prison, to be followed by 5 years of Post-Release Supervision, for his role in an unrelated burglary. The sentence of 2 to 6 years for the charge on Hindering Prosecution will run concurrent with the burglary sentence.

On August 21, 2015, at approximately 3:35 P.M., in the area of 52 Sand Creek Road in the Town of Colonie, CHMIELEWSKI did enter a place of business with the intent to commit a robbery, and while inside caused the death of Jacquelyn Porreca by means of stabbing her with a knife. Ms. Porreca did succumb to her injuries on August 23, 2015. Co-defendant MORELAND did knowingly provide transportation to CHMIELEWSKI knowing that a murder had just been committed.

Comment from the Albany County District Attorney's Office:

“We thank and recognize the Colonie Police Department, New York State Police, and other members of law enforcement who worked tirelessly on this case. The resolution today has placed responsibility on the person who killed Ms. Porreca and for the driver who helped him leave the scene of the crime. Mr. Chmielewski pleaded guilty to the highest level felony in New York State – Murder in the First Degree. He now faces a sentence of a maximum term of Life in State Prison. Mr. Moreland will serve up to 8 years for driving Chmielewski away from the scene, as well as for an unrelated burglary. This case has touched so many and left our community with a tragic loss of a young, vibrant, woman – Jacquelyn Porreca.”

Assistant District Attorney Steven Sharp, Major Crimes Bureau Chief Shannon Corbitt, and Chief Assistant District Attorney David M. Rossi prosecuted this case.

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