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TWO SENTENCED TO TWO LIFE SENTENCES IN MAYFIELD MURDER

On May 19, 2011, William Scott Mayfield, 48, of Moundville and Kimberly Dawn Binion aka Kimberly Dawn Lavender, 43, of Tuscaloosa, entered guilty pleas to the charges of the Attempted Murder of Teresa Mayfield and to the murder of Teresa Mayfield. Based upon their guilty pleas and the offer from the State, both were sentenced by Circuit Judge Thomas Jones to serve two consecutive life sentences in prison.

On June 13, 2007, Teresa Mayfield was murdered in Hale County, Alabama. On June 14, 2007, she was discovered deceased in her automobile with a gun shot wound to the head not far from her marital home she had shared with William Scott Mayfield. The Hale County Sheriff Department and the Alabama Bureau of Investigation conducted the investigation in to her death. The investigation lasted some three years, until June 2010, when both William Scott Mayfield and Kimberly Dawn Binion were indicted by a Hale County Grand Jury for charges related to the murder of Teresa Mayfield. On June 11, 2010, both suspects were arrested and placed in the Hale County Jail on \$750,000.00. Though in jail, law enforcement continued working on the case, when in April 2011, new information came forward that showed William Scott Mayfield offered to pay Kimberly Dawn Binion \$20,000.00 to kill Teresa. Evidence also, came forward indicating that both William Scott Mayfield and Kimberly Binion, prior to the actual murder, had attempted to murder Teresa Mayfield by trying to cause her to overdose.

A summary of the facts presented to the court during the guilty pleas were as follows:

“ Teresa Mayfield was murdered on June 13, 2007. That prior to the murder, Willaim Scott Mayfield had approached at least 4 people either trying to get them to kill Teresa Mayfield or to inquire as to whether or not they knew how to get rid of someone.

That Kimberly Dawn Binion aka Kimberly Dawn Lavender was a friend of William Scott Mayfield and actually began working with William Scott Mayfield in

August 2006 at Phifer Wire in Tuscaloosa. That through the friendship with William Scott Mayfield, she befriended Teresa Mayfield.

That William Scott Mayfield was having an affair with a woman, referred to as K.K.. That Williams Scott Mayfield had led K.K. to believe that he was getting a divorce from Teresa Mayfield. William Scott Mayfield had borrowed \$7,000.00 from K.K. and told her he had to pay the money into the court as part of the divorce. That law enforcement has audio recordings of William Scott Mayfield and K.K., where William Scott Mayfield discusses the alleged divorce and the money he had borrowed from K.K. The evidence in the case proved that William Scott Mayfield had not filed for divorce, nor going through a divorce from Teresa Mayfield during this time.

Evidence would show that after Teresa Mayfield was found deceased in her automobile, that witnesses reported having seen Kimberly Dawn Binion with a 22 pistol in her automobile in a zip lock bag. That ABI agents had interviewed Binion on several occasions and on one occasion, she stated ""what if I killed her and what if Scott made me"".

After the arrest of the defendants, law enforcement continued to investigate the case. It was learned that Kimberly Dawn Binion, while in jail, had told another inmate about the case and both her and William Scott Mayfield's involvement in the case. Based on this new information, Kimberly Dawn Binion gave a full statement as to her and William Scott Mayfield's involvement in the case.

The evidence in the case showed that William Scott Mayfield had discussed with Kimberly Dawn Binion the murder of Teresa Mayfield. In fact William Scott Mayfield wanted Kimberly Dawn Binion to cause Teresa Mayfield to overdose. William Scott Mayfield gave Kimberly Dawn Binion cash to gamble with and several oxycotin pills and instructed Kimberly Binion to take Teresa Mayfield to a casino and give her the pills. The evidence would show that Kimberly Binion took the money and the pills William Scott Mayfield had given her, took Teresa Mayfield to the casino, where she crushed the pills and placed them in a drink of Teresa Mayfield. Teresa Mayfield then became sleepy and passed out. She then took Teresa Mayfield back to her home in Hale County where she carried her into her residence, left her to die with no offer of medical help from either William Scott Mayfield or Kimberly Dawn Binion. However, Teresa Mayfield became sick, vomited and slept.

As this attempt on the life of Teresa Mayfield failed, in June 2007, William Scott Mayfield again approached Kimberly Dawn Binion, promised to give her \$20,000.00, gave her a pistol and told her to kill Teresa Mayfield. The evidence showed that Mayfield then met Binion near Havana Junction in Hale County, showed her how to use the pistol by shooting a water bottle. He then met her on a dirt road off of County Road 21 in Hale County and instructed her that was the location where she would kill Teresa Mayfield.

The evidence showed that on the evening of June 12, 2007, William Scott Mayfield arranged for him and his children to spend the night at his parents home, leaving Teresa Mayfield to stay in the marital home alone for the night. The evidence would show and Binion's statement reflects that William Scott Mayfield called Binion on

the morning of June 13, 2007 and told her to get it done. That William Scott Mayfield instructed Binion to call his wife and tell her that they were going to go to Greentrack. That Binion called and arranged the trip to Greentrack. That a short while later, Binion called Teresa Mayfield, as instructed by Mayfield, and told her she was broke down and needed Teresa to come get her. That Teresa Mayfield agreed and traveled to the location of Kimberly Dawn Binion, where Binion approached her vehicle and began to talk. When Teresa Mayfield turned her head away from Binion, Binion raised a 22 pistol and shot Teresa Mayfield in the head, causing her death.”

The Hale County Sheriff Department and the Alabama Bureau of Investigation conducted the investigation and each did outstanding work. The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Timothy A. Evans for District Attorney Michael Jackson. We are so pleased to finally bring this case to a close for the family of Teresa Mayfield, it took 4 years, maybe now, they can begin to heal knowing that justice has been served. Assistant District Attorney Timothy A. Evans for District Attorney Michael Jackson.