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**PRESS RELEASE**

Sentenced: Salim R. Newton  
LKA: 531 So. Main Street  
Phillipsburg, New Jersey 08865  
Date of Birth: September 28, 1986

On June 23, 2017, Salim R. Newton was sentenced by the Hon. H Matthew Curry, J.S.C., at the Warren County Courthouse in Belvidere, New Jersey.

Salim R. Newton of Phillipsburg, New Jersey, was sentenced to 24 years in New Jersey State Prison, subject to the No Early Release Act for Aggravated Manslaughter in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree. The No Early Release Act mandates that a defendant serve 85% of his sentence before he is eligible for parole and also requires an additional 5 years of Parole Supervision upon release. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Possession of a Handgun for an Unlawful Purpose charge to which he pled guilty was merged with the Aggravating Manslaughter charge for the purpose of sentencing.

During his plea allocution on May 13, 2017, Defendant Newton admitted that on September 18, 2013, he was in possession a handgun in Phillipsburg, New Jersey with the purpose to use it against the person of Melissa Williams. He further admitted that he caused the death of Ms. Williams with said firearm by shooting her in the head. The Phillipsburg Police Department and the Warren County Prosecutor's Office investigated the incident.

Salim R. Newton was represented by Michael Priarone, Esq. and Assistant Prosecutor Victor R. Jusino represented the State.

Approved by:

  
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RICHARD T. BURKE  
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Dated: June 23, 2017