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Williams, LaRussa sentenced for their roles in south side quadruple homicide

(Indianapolis, Ind.) – Valencia Williams and Anthony LaRussa were sentenced today for convictions related to the murders of Walter Burnell, Jacob Rodemich, Kristy Sanchez, and Hayley Navarro. Valencia Williams was sentenced to serve 55 years, having pleaded guilty to one count of Murder. Anthony LaRussa was sentenced to serve 44 years, having pleaded guilty to Conspiracy to Commit Robbery (Class A Felony). The incident occurred on February 20, 2014, in the 3400 block of South Parker Ave.

Kenneth Rackemann, Valencia Williams, Anthony LaRussa, and Samantha Bradley conspired to rob Walter Burnell and during the course of that robbery the victims were killed. Rackemann shot and killed Burnell, Rodemich, and Sanchez, and wounded Navarro. Williams then shot and killed Navarro.

Kenneth Rackemann pleaded guilty in 2016 and is currently serving four consecutive life sentences without parole for the murders and an additional 20 years for one charge of Robbery (Class B Felony).

A fourth co-defendant, Samantha Bradley, has previously pleaded guilty to Conspiracy to Commit Robbery (Class A Felony). A sentencing hearing has been set for March 8 at 9:00 a.m. in Criminal Court 1.

A charge of a crime is merely an accusation, and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.