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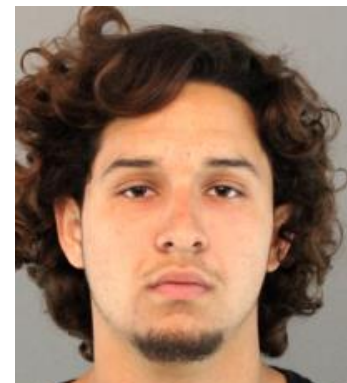
Re: People v. Jesus Gutierrez and Christopher Johnson

Today, June 4, 2018, after a three week jury trial before the Honorable William J. Pendergast presiding, in the case of People vs. Jesus Gutierrez and Christopher Johnson, the jury returned verdicts of Guilty of Second Degree Murder. The jury also found true that Defendant Johnson Personally used a Firearm in the Commission of that Murder in violation of Penal Code 12022.53.

On August 20, 2017, Mr. Cromwell and Mr. Hendericks were driving down Taylor Street. When Defendant Johnson saw them, he yelled at Defendant Gutierrez to “get them” and “follow them.” Defendant Johnson then got into the passenger’s seat of Defendant Gutierrez who sped off chasing after Mr. Cromwell’s car. A witness saw Defendant Johnson hanging out of the car with a gun in his hand as they began to chase down Mr. Cromwell’s car. Video surveillance showed Mr. Cromwell driving down Madison street and stopping at the stop sign at Broadway. All of a sudden Defendant Gutierrez’s vehicle dove up a high rate of speed and on the wrong side of the road until it stopped just ahead of Mr. Cromwell’s car. At this time, Defendant Johnson pointed a gun at Mr. Cromwell and Mr. Hendricks. Gun fire was exchanged and Mr. Cromwell was shot in the back of the head. He later died at North Bay Medical Center.

After the verdict, the Honorable William J. Pendergast ordered both defendants to remain in custody and scheduled a judgment and sentencing hearing for July 16, 2018, at 8:30 a.m. in Dept. 11.

Detective Sean Timm of the Fairfield Police Department investigated the case. The case was prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Melaine Collins. Cynthia Malloy was the victim advocate.



Jesus Gutierrez



Christopher Johnson