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## **Lawnside Man Receives Eight-Year Sentence for Placing Body of Woman Who Overdosed Next to Southampton Roadway**

**MOUNT HOLLY** – Burlington County Prosecutor Scott Coffina announced that a 55-year-old Lawnside man was sentenced today to eight years in New Jersey state prison for dumping the body of a woman who had fatally overdosed in his vehicle on the side of a Southampton Township road in late 2018.

The sentence was handed down to Daniel Waterfield in Superior Court by the Hon. Gerard H. Breland, J.S.C. A jury found Waterfield guilty in March 2020 of Desecrating Human Remains (Second Degree). He has been detained in the Burlington County Jail since being convicted.

The investigation revealed that on Halloween night in 2018, Waterfield left the lifeless body of a Paulsboro woman on the berm of Purgatory Road near the intersection with Route 70 in Southampton Township. Kerri Ann Stetser, 36, who had fatally overdosed hours earlier inside Waterfield's pickup truck, was pronounced dead at the scene. She was not carrying identification and was later identified by her fingerprints.

Members of Kerri's family spoke in court today, making sure Judge Breland realized that she was a person who was loved, and someone who would never treat anyone the way she was treated by Waterfield.

"This case is tragic for so many reasons, and the inhumane actions of this defendant made it even more heartbreaking for Kerri's family," Prosecutor Coffina said. "Instead of reporting Kerri's death, he pulled her from his truck and discarded her on the side of the road. Nobody deserves such heartless treatment, and maybe he will come to that realization during his time in prison."

Charges remain against a co-conspirator who Waterfield contacted for help disposing of Stetser's body. Amanda Seth, 36, of Camden, is presently a fugitive.

The case was investigated by New Jersey State Police detectives from the Troop "C" Criminal Investigation Office, Crime Scene Investigation Unit, and Homicide South Unit.

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