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Man Receives 90-Year Sentence for 2020 Mount Laurel Murder

Burlington County Prosecutor LaChia L. Bradshaw announced that a 33-year-old Lindenwold man was sentenced on Friday to 90 years in state prison for killing a man in a Mount Laurel hotel room four years ago after luring him there to be robbed.

In June, a jury deliberated for two hours before convicting Jawaad Ali on charges of Murder (First Degree), Robbery (First Degree), Kidnapping (First Degree), Burglary (Second Degree), Conspiracy to Commit Robbery (Second Degree), Desecration of Human Remains (Second Degree), Wrongful Impersonation (Third Degree), and Credit Card Theft (Fourth Degree).

The sentence was handed down by the Hon. Terrence R. Cook, P.J.Cr., in Superior Court in Mount Holly. Two co-defendants who pled guilty and are awaiting sentencing.

The investigation revealed that on the night of May 8, 2020, Ali, along with Asia Boone and Anthony Sermond-Guyton, lured Samer Alhalayqa, 31, of Camden, to the Fairfield Inn on Century Parkway, where he was suffocated in a third-floor room and then dragged into the hallway.

His debit card was subsequently used to withdraw funds from a nearby automated teller machine, order items from Amazon.com and pay for pizza from Papa John's.

Ali, who represented himself in court, was prosecuted by Assistant Prosecutor Nicole C. Lister and Assistant Prosecutor David Kras Bakardjiev. Boone and Sermond-Guyton were prosecuted by Assistant Prosecutor Jamie Hutchinson.

The investigation was conducted by the Prosecutor's Office and the Mount Laurel Police Department. The lead investigators were BCPO Detective Sergeant Brian Cunningham and MLPD Detective Sergeant Sean Bristow.

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