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FORMER PRO BOXER SENTENCED TO 25 YEARS TO LIFE IN PRISON
IN STABBING AND BEATING DEATH OF EX-GIRLFRIEND

Defendant Convicted At Trial;
Receipt For Murder Weapon Found in Defendant's Pocket

Queens District Attorney Richard A. Brown announced today that former champion boxer Trevis Hall of Far Rockaway has been sentenced to 25 years to life in prison for the vicious murder of his former girlfriend, who was stabbed and bludgeoned to death with a pipe, on a Jamaica, Queens, street in December 2014. The defendant - a former featherweight boxer and Golden Gloves winner - was apprehended unconscious and in a dumpster following a suicide attempt later that day.

District Attorney Brown said, "Breaking up with someone should not equal a death sentence, but in a violent rage this defendant carried out a brutal execution of his former lover. With a pipe and a knife, the defendant viciously stabbed and beat the 31-year-old victim in the middle of the street. The defendant - a Golden Gloves winner in 2009 - purchased the pipe just 90 minutes before the fatal assault and still had the receipt with the matching SKU number in his pocket when he was apprehended. The sentence imposed by the Court today is more than warranted."

The District Attorney identified the defendant as Trevis Hall, 31, of Brookhaven Boulevard in the Far Rockaway section of Queens. In July a jury found the defendant guilty of one count of second-degree murder and two counts of second-degree criminal possession of a weapon. Queens Supreme Court Justice Barry A. Schwartz, who presided at trial, today sentenced Hall to 25 years to life in prison.

District Attorney Brown said that, according to trial testimony, the defendant's former girlfriend, Margarita Rivera, 31, was on Watson Place in Jamaica, Queens, at approximately 2:30 p.m. on December 1, 2014, when the defendant approached her. Hall stabbed her numerous times in the chest and used the pipe to repeatedly strike her in the head. Police responding to the scene found the victim in a pool of her own blood and bleeding profusely from her head, but when she was asked who did this to her, she managed to say "Tre" three times. Ms. Rivera was taken to a local Queens hospital, but died of her injuries. The murder weapons - the knife and pipe - were both recovered at the crime scene.

According to trial records, continued District Attorney Brown, later that afternoon emergency medical technicians responded to a call of a man passed out in a dumpster on 127th Street in Richmond Hill, Queens. The unconscious man was the defendant and emergency responders took him to the same hospital where Ms. Rivera died. Hall was placed under arrest and police recovered a Home Depot receipt in one of his pockets. That receipt had the SKU number for the pipe that was found at the murder scene. Investigators later observed video surveillance from the Home Depot store that showed the defendant purchasing the pipe around 1 p.m. that same day.

The investigation was conducted by detectives assigned to the New York City Police Department's 103rd Precinct Detective Squad.

Senior Assistant District Attorney Rachel E. Buchter, of the District Attorney's Homicide Trials Bureau, prosecuted the case with the assistance of Assistant District Attorney Christina Bezas, under the supervision of Assistant District Attorneys Brad A. Leventhal, Bureau Chief, and Jack Warsawsky, Deputy Bureau Chief, and the overall supervision of Executive Assistant District Attorney for Major Crimes Daniel A. Saunders.

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