

Three Sentenced to Prison for Collins Park Murder

Three people responsible for a home invasion and murder in the Collins Park area near New Castle will spend time in prison after being sentenced in Superior Court.

In July 2015, Miguel Taylor, 26, of Wilmington, along with four other people broke into the garage at a home in the 300 block of Martin Drive in New Castle, and shot and killed 29-year-old Isaias Gonzalez. Another man received gunshot wounds to both legs. Prior to the murder, Taylor and three others forced their way into an apartment in the 900 block of Maryland Avenue in Wilmington and held a victim at gunpoint. In September, Taylor pled guilty to Murder Second Degree, Robbery First Degree, Assault First Degree, Possession of a Firearm by a Person Prohibited, Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Felony, Conspiracy First Degree, and Conspiracy Second Degree. Taylor will spend 45 years in prison followed by 2 years of probation. Taylor received an enhanced sentence in part because he was barred from having a firearm based on two prior firearm convictions.

A second defendant, 25-year-old Dameir Walker of Wilmington was sentenced to 35 years in prison followed by 1 year of probation for his September guilty plea to Murder Second Degree, two counts of Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Felony, Robbery First Degree, Home Invasion, Conspiracy First Degree, and Conspiracy Second Degree.

A third defendant, Zieisha Watters, 26, of Wilmington pled guilty to Murder Second Degree and Conspiracy Second Degree in July. Watters will spend 5 years in prison followed by 6 months of either home confinement or work release, then 2 years of probation based on her role in the crime and in exchange for her plea and cooperation with prosecutors.

Two others who have pled guilty to being involved in the crime, Timane Dollard, 26, of New Castle and Marquivus Hardy, 27, of Wilmington, will be sentenced in December. Dollard pled guilty in September to Murder Second Degree, two counts of Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Felony, Robbery First Degree, Home Invasion, Conspiracy First Degree, and Conspiracy Second Degree, and faces a minimum of 30 years in prison. Hardy pled guilty in March to Murder Second Degree, Assault Second Degree, two counts of Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Felony, Home Invasion, Conspiracy First Degree, and Conspiracy Second and faces a minimum mandatory sentence of 27 years in prison.

Deputy Attorney General Phillip Casale prosecuted the case, with assistance from social worker Kristen Fluharty-Emory, paralegal Kimberly Moro, and special investigator John Ciritella.