

LV murder earns life for shooter

(KAIR)--A Kansas City, Kansas man is going to prison, sentenced in Leavenworth County District Court for the July, 2022 murder of a woman in Leavenworth.

According to a release from Leavenworth County Attorney Todd Thompson, 28-year-old Jerell Martin was sentenced to life in prison for the first-degree murder of Ericka Hopkins.

Martin was found guilty of her murder during a two-day December jury trial.

According to Thompson, Leavenworth law enforcement, just after midnight July 15, 2022, “responded to reports of multiple shots fired at Woodland Village apartments. Officers found 20-year-old Ericka Hopkins with a gunshot wound to her head. She later died of her injuries.”

Surveillance video showed a gunman hiding at one end of an apartment building, then firing multiple rounds at individuals at the other end of the building. One of the bullets struck Hopkins who was sitting on the stairs. Martin was later identified as the shooter through multiple witnesses and surveillance video.

Thompson, in the release, explains that Martin will not be eligible for parole for 25-years; and, if he does receive parole, Martin will be subject to lifetime post-release supervision, and must register as a violent offender for 15-years following his release.

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