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A Moss Point man pleaded guilty Monday to **manslaughter** in connection with the July 17, 2007, drug-related shooting death of Eric O'Neal Perryman, 33.

Joseph Lorenzo Sanders was 21 when he was arrested and charged with murder in the drug-related shooting. The charge was reduced to **manslaughter** in exchange for his plea Monday before Circuit Court Judge Robert Krebs.

Based on a recommendation from the state, Krebs ordered Sanders to serve 20 years in prison day-for-day.

Perryman was shot several times before he died of a gunshot wound to the head. A passer-by discovered Perryman's body around 6 a.m. in front of a vacant home at the former Charles Warner Homes public housing complex on Old Mobile Highway in Pascagoula.

Police linked Sanders to the shooting a short time after he was arrested following a felony pursuit that ended about a mile before the Alabama state line. During the pursuit, police said, Sanders threw items out a window that were found and later identified as crack cocaine.

Then Pascagoula Police Lt. Paul Leonard said at the time that police officers linked Sanders to the shooting death after serving a search warrant on the Krebs Street apartment of Crystal Shonte

Ursula Shaw Lawton held one of her children's hands as she heard the verdict: Jurors in the murder trial of Johnathan "Johnny" Barfield found him guilty of manslaughter for the fatal shooting of her daughter, Tiffany Talley.

A jury deliberated more than five hours Thursday, finding Barfield guilty of the lesser crime in a three-day trial. "I'm heartbroken. Really heartbroken," Lawton said afterward. "We had..."

The jury in the trial of Johnathan Barfield has retired to deliberate on whether he is guilty of murder or manslaughter in the fatal shooting of Tiffany Talley.

Circuit Judge Lisa Dodson has instructed the jury on how the law applies to both crimes. A decision for a guilty verdict on either charge must be beyond reasonable doubt.

The essential element for murder is a killing with deliberate design. The manslaughter charge allows the jury to decide if Barfield killed her in the heat of...

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A jury has found **Johnathan Barfield** guilty of the lesser charge of manslaughter in the fatal shooting of Tiffany Talley.

Jurors deliberated more than five hours before reaching their decision. Circuit Judge Lisa Dodson set sentencing for Aug. 25.

The delay is because the defense attorney asked for a pre-sentence investigation.

Barfield, 19, shot Talley at his FEMA trailer on Canal Road on Dec. 27, 2006. Talley, 17, was a standout basketball player at Gulfport High School.

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A man convicted 13 years ago of killing an infant was freed Thursday after a Circuit Court judge reduced the charge from capital murder to manslaughter.

Assistant District Attorney Chris Schmidt said Circuit Judge Jerry O. Terry sentenced **Dayon James**, 38, to time already served on a guilty plea entered Thursday to the reduced charge of manslaughter. A Harrison County jury convicted James in 1996 of capital murder for the shaking death of 7-week-old Sha-Nekqua Keyes, while he was...

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Circuit Judge Jerry O. Terry on Thursday sentenced Patrick Joseph Champagne to 20 years on a manslaughter conviction.

A Harrison County jury deliberated two hours Thursday afternoon before finding Champagne, 32, guilty in the fatal shooting of 22-year-old Heather Hanchette. The mother of four was shot in a disturbance at Champagne's Orange Grove home on Deanna Street on Dec. 2, 2006.

Terry suspended 10 years, leaving 10 to serve followed by five years of...

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shot Sherry Lee, 17, and Stacy Lee, 19, and Stacy's fiancee James Glass, 19. All died

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Laroy Jones, accused of capital murder in the death of his 20-month-old daughter, gave an emotional plea Thursday to a lesser charge that will keep him behind bars for 15 years.

Breanna Jones had a twin brother and two other brothers; one was a newborn, the other was 2½. The little girl died of severe trauma to the head Feb. 20, 2004. Jones hit the child as she woke him up while jabbing him in the face with a stick pin, said Assistant District Attorney Chris Schmidt.

Circuit Judge Jerry O. Terry today sentenced a Gulfport man to prison on manslaughter plea from an incident that killed his 20-month-old child

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A Poplarville woman torn with grief over her teenage son's death said she wants leniency for the man accused of fatally shooting Shaun Allen.

Jeremy Ladner, 21, received a \$60,000 bond on a manslaughter charge Wednesday in an appearance before Pearl River County Justice Court Judge James Breland. Allen was shot Sunday night at Ladner's home in Poplarville.

Allen's mother, Jolenea Smith, said her son and Ladner were longtime friends. A 21-year-old Poplarville man is in custody today on a manslaughter charge involving the fatal shooting of a 16-year-old high school student

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A D'Iberville woman turned herself in after learning she was indicted on a manslaughter charge in

the fatal shooting of her estranged husband.

Beverly Hudson, 45, was charged Tuesday in the death of Gene Tyrone Hudson. He had been shot multiple times at her home on Windsor Hills Drive on June 22, 2007. He was 52 and lived in Moss Point. Harrison County Sheriff Melvin Brisolara said Beverly Hudson wasn't arrested at the time of the shooting because she claimed her...

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Circuit Judge Roger T. Clark today sentenced Dustin Ryan Berry to 35 years in prison for the manslaughter and robbery of 18-year-old Lynda Pham.

Berry was 17 in November 2003 when he struck Pham on the head and robbed her as she left Pineville Mart, a Long Beach convenience store owned by her parents. He was indicted on a capital murder charge but pleaded to crimes with lesser penalties.

Assistant District Attorney Joel Smith recommended maximum penalties of 20 years and 15 years be...

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James Richard Lago, "Jimmy" to family and friends, was only 16 when he stabbed 21-year-old Ryan Lee Williams to death.

But Lago "made a man's decision," said Circuit Judge Lisa Dodson as she sentenced him Monday on a guilty plea to manslaughter. Dodson imposed the maximum penalty of 20 years but suspended 10 years, leaving 10 to serve and three years' probation. She also ordered him to pay for Williams'...

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David Allen Stokes, the alleged triggerman in the July 27, 1998, shooting death of Roy Anthony "Tony" Glenn Jr., has pleaded guilty to a reduced charge of manslaughter in exchange for his testimony against the victim's widow.

Stokes, 30, pleaded guilty Monday before Jackson County Circuit Judge Robert Krebs. The Jackson County District Attorney's Office said Stokes entered into a plea agreement contingent on his truthful testimony against...

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A convicted felon and another man each received 20-year sentences after pleading guilty Monday to manslaughter in two unrelated cases.

Convicted felon Leslie Cruise, now 38, admitted Monday he caused the March 4, 2005, death of 13-year-old Jacob Sigalis when he bought him and other youngsters vodka, whiskey and other alcohol to drink after picking the boys up at Singing River Mall in Gautier.

Cruise was initially charged with capital murder, with the underlying felony being sexual...

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A former University of Mississippi student was sentenced to 20 years in prison Monday after pleading guilty to a reduced charge in the 2006 dragging death of an Ole Miss police officer. Daniel Cummings, 21, of Germantown, Tenn., pleaded guilty to manslaughter by culpable negligence on the same day jury selection was to begin for his capital murder trial in Oxford. Prosecutors had been seeking life in prison without parole for Cummings in the Oct. 21, 2006, killing of officer Robert Langley,...

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Juan Jackriel Jones will serve seven years in prison for a fatal shooting he claimed was in self-defense.

Jones, 31, was sentenced Tuesday on a guilty plea to manslaughter for the July 17, 2004, shooting of 36-year-old Michael Stallworth. The men were celebrating a friend's birthday at a Gulfport lounge when the shooting occurred after a confrontation in the Boiler Room parking lot.

Stallworth's mother asked for the maximum penalty of 20 years, but Circuit Judge...

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Defendants in unrelated manslaughter cases have entered guilty pleas before Harrison County Circuit Judge Roger T. Clark.

Amanda Sue Shavers, 31, admitted stabbing Jeffrey L. Farmer, 26, in an argument at her Saucier home in November 2005.

Juan Jackriel Jones, 31, admitted shooting Michael Stallworth, 36, in an argument at the Boiler Room lounge in Gulfport in July 2004 .

Clark delayed sentencing in both cases pending pre-sentence investigations. The penalty range for manslaughter is...

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A sign-language interpreter told a hearing-impaired man on Friday that Circuit Judge Lisa Dodson

was sentencing him to 15 years for manslaughter.

Brian Keith Williams was charged with murder in the June 4, 2005, stabbing of William "Lou" Matunda. He pleaded guilty to the lesser charge a manslaughter, which has a maximum penalty of 20 years.

Prosecutor Chris Fisher said the state recommended the lesser charge because of the facts and circumstances.

Williams, 33,...

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Circuit Judge Lisa Dodson today sentenced Brian Keith Williams to 15 years in prison on a guilty plea to manslaughter.

Williams, 33, was arrested on a murder charge in the fatal stabbing of William "Lou" Matunda, 49. The victim's body was found June 4, 2005, in his duplex apartment on Sherry Lane in Biloxi.

Williams pleaded to the reduced charge, which carries a maximum penalty of 20 years.

Prosecutor Chris Fisher said Williams, who is...

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- A Gautier man was sentenced on manslaughter charges Friday to 15 years in jail for shooting his friend, former Gautier and Resurrection soccer player Brandon Anderson, in August 2005.

Charles Jackson, 20, pleaded guilty in Circuit Court and said he had been drinking and taking Xanax pills when he shot his friend.

Jackson was playing around with a gun that belonged to Anderson's uncle and he pointed it at Anderson and pulled the trigger, but it didn't...

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Authorities upgraded the manslaughter charge against Johnathan Barfield to murder Wednesday following autopsy results that disputed the suspect's account of how Tiffany Talley died.

Autopsy results show Barfield, 18, fired a .22-caliber revolver probably within nine inches of Talley's face, and from a 45-degree angle, Harrison County assistant prosecutor Herman Cox said in Justice Court on Wednesday. "Based on the autopsy, what (Barfield) said happened..."

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HANCOCK COUNTY --- Troy Galarza, a man prosecutors once hoped to put away for life, will spend 10 years in prison for the 2004 killing of a Hancock couple.

Galarza, 37, pleaded guilty this week to two counts of manslaughter in the double slaying of Steve J. Bossier, 42, and his girlfriend, Melissa Lynn Polk, 26.

The couple's decomposing bodies were discovered in March 2004 buried in shallow graves near Lower Bay Road in Lakeshore on land that Galarza's family...

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GULFPORT --- Circuit Judge Steve Simpson has sentenced 71-year-old John Wesley Cole to the maximum penalty of 20 years for manslaughter in the fatal shooting of his girlfriend's daughter.

Cole pleaded guilty Tuesday to the Sept. 20, 2004, slaying of Precious Melody Smith, who was shot four times near her home on 21st Street as she begged for her life and tried to run. She was unable to open the gate to a neighbor's fence before she collapsed.

Smith was 25 but...

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RAYMOND (AP) --- A man has been sentenced to 18 years in prison for the 2003 stabbing and beating death of his employer.

Willie Lee Mack pleaded guilty Tuesday to manslaughter in the death of Gregory Acker, who he claimed had chased him with a baseball bat after Mack rebuffed a sexual advance.

Mack had been charged with murder. Manslaughter carries a maximum 20-year sentence.

Mack will be given credit for the three years already served and probably won't have to serve...

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LUCEDALE --- Patricia Simpson fell limp to the floor as Judge Dale Harkey found her guilty of manslaughter in George County Circuit Court on Friday, sentencing her to 20 years --- 15 served and five post-release supervision.

Simpson, who will turn 57 on Tuesday, was charged with murder in the Dec. 22, 2003, shooting of her husband.

"There were three expert pathologists," stated defense attorney Calvin Taylor, who requested the unusual bench trial.

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PASCAGOULA --- Mark Mouchett was found guilty Friday night of manslaughter and sentenced to 20 years in prison for a road rage incident that claimed the life of a

Pascagoula teen.

After seven hours of deliberation, jurors found Mouchett, 47, guilty in the shooting death of Robert Modica, 16,

in the parking lot of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on Halloween 2004. The incident stemmed from a near-collision not far from the church.

Modica was shot in the forehead...

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TWO KILLERS SENTENCED / ONE GETS LIFE, ONE GETS 20 YEARS

PASCAGOULA --- One Jackson County resident will serve a life sentence and another will serve 20 years after judges heard guilty pleas Monday in cases involving two separate killings.

One of the cases was a 1998 slaying, which remained unsolved until January 2005, and the other involved a 2003 case in which the wife of the defendant was slain.

District Attorney Tony Lawrence said the sentences are proof South Mississippi's justice system is back to full strength.

Securing pleas "of this magnitude I think shows our court system is up and running and that we are working hard to bring justice to victims," Lawrence said.

Wesley Charles McLeod Jr. pleaded guilty Monday in the murder of Robert Pope, who was shot in 1998. Pope's mariner's cross and chain helped solve the case, as it was taken during the robbery and slaying. Two informants in the case had brought the cross to the attention of investigators and it was found in McLeod's possession when he was serving jail time.

Judge Robert Krebs handed down a life sentence to McLeod, who was indicted along with Walter Ray Payne Jr. for the crime.

At the sentencing, Pope's son was pleased, according to a release from Lawrence.

"It has been eight years and three months since Dad has been gone and I appreciate (McLeod) apologizing, but I want him to spend the rest of his life in prison," said Tommy Pope.

Charles White, 53, also was sentenced Monday. He pleaded guilty to manslaughter in a case involving his wife, Sherry. Neighbors said they heard an argument and then gunshots one day in

November 2003.

Judge Kathy King Jackson heard White's plea. White received a 20-year sentence, with 15 of it to be spent in jail and five under post-release supervision.

At White's sentencing, according to the statement released through Lawrence's office, White said he could not forgive himself for his actions that night. The couple had been married for 25 years.

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DeKALB - A 31-year-old Kemper County man has pleaded guilty to manslaughter in the killing of a high school student.

Andian Derrel Rush was indicted for murder in May. His trial had been scheduled to begin Wednesday, but Rush accepted District Attorney Bilbo Mitchell's plea offer.

Rush was arrested in the shooting death of 17-year-old Christopher Brown. Brown was shot once in the head on Feb. 20 outside his home in the Kemper Springs community. Sheriff Sam Tisdale said the...

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Hope this help, Chris.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Chris", is written over the text "Hope this help, Chris.".