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Attorney General Brown Announces Life Without Parole Sentence for Baltimore Man Convicted of First-Degree Murder

Jury Convicted Victim's Boyfriend, Forell Isaac, in September 2023

BALTIMORE, MD (November 22, 2023) – Maryland Attorney General Anthony G. Brown today announced the sentencing of Forell Isaac, Jr., 39, of Baltimore, for the first-degree murder of his girlfriend, 29-year-old Linique Green, on September 12, 2021. The Honorable Judge Myshala E. Middleton of the Circuit Court for Baltimore City sentenced Isaac to Life without the possibility of parole.

On September 12, 2021, Baltimore Police Department (BPD) officers discovered Ms. Green, suffering from multiple stab wounds to her torso, in the 1100 block of N. Milton Avenue in Baltimore. Ms. Green was taken to a local hospital where she was pronounced dead. The Office of the Chief Medical Examiner determined Ms. Green's cause of death to be stabbing and the manner of death to be homicide. A subsequent joint investigation, led by the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives (ATF) and BPD, identified Forell Isaac as the suspect in Ms. Green's murder. The Attorney General's Organized Crime Unit indicted Isaac in the summer of 2022, and began the weeklong jury trial on September 8, 2023.

Over the course of the trial, jurors heard evidence that Isaac and Ms. Green had been involved in a tumultuous romantic relationship, during which Isaac exhibited controlling behavior and had warned Ms. Green not to see other people. Evidence displayed at trial showed that, on the night of her death, Isaac tracked Ms. Green several blocks from her home, chased her down, and proceeded to stab and cut her in the chest and back nine times, leaving her to die in the middle of the street. The jury also heard testimony that, immediately prior to stabbing her to death, Isaac exclaimed to Ms. Green, "Told ya!" The evidence further showed that Isaac's phone was recovered from the scene, and video footage from the BPD Aviation Unit captured Isaac fleeing the area. A witness further testified at trial that, subsequent to Ms. Green's murder, Isaac threatened them, warning, "I'm gonna do you like I did 'Nique."

At sentencing, the State remarked on the heinous nature of the offense and the defendant's lengthy prior criminal history, saying, "This defendant has been given chance after chance." The State noted that the defendant was on federal supervised release for a firebombing case at the time of the offense, having been released from a federal half-way house less than one month

before the murder. The State argued, “If you take a life, you forfeit the right to walk amongst free people ever again.”

Ms. Green's family members provided victim-impact statements, advising the court that Ms. Green was the oldest of six children, and saying “to know Linique is to love her.” They further told the Judge that, “When [Isaac] stabbed her, he stabbed all of us for eternity,” and lamented that Isaac “stole her second chance.” A family member recounted for the court how difficult it had been to tell Ms. Green’s daughter that her mother had died, saying, “It broke my heart into a million pieces.” In asking the Court for the longest sentence possible, they described their loss as “catastrophic,” and vowed, “we’re getting justice for Linique today.”

“This senseless act of violence has no place in Maryland, and I am grateful for our team that worked hard to bring Forell Isaac to justice,” said Attorney General Brown. “I understand that no amount of prison time can bring back a loved one lost to unthinkable violence, but I hope that this sentence will provide some solace to Ms. Green’s family and friends.”

In making today’s announcement, Attorney General Brown thanked ATF Special Agent in Charge Toni M. Crosby, BPD Commissioner Richard Worley, and Criminal Division Chief Katie Dorian. Attorney General Brown also thanked Deputy Criminal Division Chief Jared I. Albert, Organized Crime Unit Chief Paul A. Halliday, Assistant Attorney General Shannon N. Price who prosecuted this case and ATF Special Agent Brendan Plasha and BPD Detective/ATF Task Force Officer Shawn Reichenberg who led the investigation and solved this murder. Attorney General Brown also thanked Baltimore City State’s Attorney Ivan J. Bates for his assistance in this prosecution.

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