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TWO TERRE HAUTE INMATES SENTENCED TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT FOR MURDER

PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that TIMOTHY R. McCALLISTER, 34, and JERIMY C. SNEED, 33, inmates at the United States Penitentiary, Terre Haute, Indiana, were both sentenced to Life without Parole today by Chief U.S. District Judge Larry J. McKinney following their previously entered guilty pleas to First Degree Murder. This case was the result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Federal Bureau of Prisons.

On August 10, 2005, inside the U.S. Penitentiary in Terre Haute, Indiana, inmates TIMOTHY R. MCCALLISTER and JERIMY C. SNEED killed inmate Rock Halsey within the common area of Unit E-1. The attack was witnessed by a correctional officer.

Between 4:45 pm and 5:00 pm, the correctional officer was inside the Unit E-1 when he heard a commotion and saw inmates MCCALLISTER and SNEED on top of inmate Rock Halsey on the floor. The officer responded to the assault, grabbed inmate SNEED, who had been holding down inmate Rock Halsey, and pulled him off of inmate Halsey. The officer then observed inmate TIMOTHY MCCALLISTER cutting on inmate Rock Halsey's abdomen with a weapon. Inmate Halsey's neck had already been cut, and the floor was covered in blood.

The officer then pulled inmate MCCALLISTER away from Halsey and threw him on the floor. During this time, the officer observed a weapon fall out of the hand of inmate MCCALLISTER.

At this time, inmate SNEED ran by the officer. The officer took inmate SNEED to the floor and placed handcuffs on him. While handcuffing inmate SNEED, the officer saw inmate MCCALLISTER get up, retrieve the weapon he had dropped earlier, and return to cutting inmate Halsey's abdomen with the weapon. The weapon used by inmate MCCALLISTER was a knife

which was found lying in the blood on the floor. The officer then ordered inmate MCCALLISTER to the floor and inmate MCCALLISTER complied. As the officer was attempting to restrain inmate MCCALLISTER, inmate SNEED, already in handcuffs, got up and kicked inmate Halsey a few times. At this time, other staff began to arrive in the unit, and inmates MCCALLISTER and SNEED were restrained.

A prison surveillance video showing the homicide was consistent with the officer's statement. Prior to the homicide, three inmates can be seen exiting cell 112, assigned to inmate MCCALLISTER. It appears that inmate Halsey was attempting to flee from inmates MCCALLISTER and SNEED. Inmate Halsey is seen on the video being taken down on the floor within the common area, next to a set of stairs to the second floor, and attacked by inmates MCCALLISTER and SNEED.

Following the homicide, staff members escorted inmate MCCALLISTER, who was then handcuffed, to the Special Housing Unit. While escorting inmate MCCALLISTER to the special housing unit, staff heard inmate MCCALLISTER boasting about what he had done.

An autopsy of inmate Rock Halsey was conducted by Vigo County Coroner Dr Roland Kohr on August 11, 2005. The autopsy determined that the victim bled to death as the result of a severed carotid artery.

Evidence submitted to the FBI laboratory included the murder weapon recovered from the crime scene, described as a knife consisting of a homemade handle with a blade attached to one end, with total length about 6 inches. The FBI laboratory identified DNA on the weapon as matching the DNA of Halsey.

According to Assistant United States Attorney James M. Warden, who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge McKinney also fined both men \$5,000.

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