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FLORIDA MEN SENTENCED IN MURDER OF ROSWELL BANK TELLER

Atlanta, GA - TERRON VASSELL VERNON, 24, and MARCELLUS LEVAN HENDERSON, 24, both of Orlando, Florida, were sentenced today to life in federal prison without parole by United States District Judge Willis B. Hunt on charges of causing the death of bank teller Angela Towle during an attempted bank robbery, using firearms during and in relation to a crime of violence thereby causing Ms. Towle's death, and conspiracy to commit robbery in violation of federal law.

"This case is tragic because of the killing of Angela Towle, a young mother of two children," said United States Attorney David E. Nahmias. "We are satisfied that the perpetrators of this brutal crime will pay by spending the rest of their lives behind bars."

VERNON and HENDERSON were both sentenced to serve life plus ten years in prison. There is no parole in the federal system. VERNON was convicted of these charges after a jury trial in May 2006. HENDERSON was convicted of the charges after a jury trial in February 2006.

According to United States Attorney Nahmias and the information presented in court: The victim was ambushed as she arrived for work at the Bank of America on Alpharetta Highway in Roswell during the early morning hours of October 24, 2003. She was forced at gunpoint into the bank where she was shot four times when she could not open the bank's vault. VERNON and HENDERSON fled the Atlanta area after the attempted robbery and murder and were later arrested by police officers in Miami, Florida.

This case was investigated by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Assistant United States Attorneys Yonette Buchanan and Will Traynor prosecuted the case.

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