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Man sentenced to life in prison for robbing, killing girlfriend

(Fort Worth, TX) – A Tarrant County jury Friday found Q'Juan Tiakei Holmes, 35, guilty of the 2017 capital murder of his girlfriend, Angela Gagne. He received an automatic sentence of life in prison without the possibility of parole for the crime.

Tarrant County Assistant Criminal District Attorneys Marcus Hanna and Collin Ashworth detailed for the jury what happened.

On June 4, 2017, Gagne, a 41-year-old mother of five, called 9-1-1 to report that her boyfriend was beating her.

Six days later, Holmes and Gagne argued at her Fort Worth duplex while Holmes' older brother, Xondadric Antonio Holmes, was visiting. As they argued, Q'Juan Holmes dragged Gagne into a spare bedroom, keeping her there as he and his brother stole TVs and personal items.

Two days later, during a welfare check, police found her body in a pool of blood – naked, brutally beaten and shot in the head four times – in that same room.

After the shooting, Q'Juan Holmes, who had been living with Gagne for a few weeks, took a bus to Florida. Police tracked him down and extradited him to Texas. His brother, Xondadric Antonio Holmes, also was arrested and faces a capital murder charge for Gagne's death.

Hanna showed the jury a picture of the way Gagne was found on the floor in her spare bedroom. She had been beaten and shot and left "like a piece of garbage that didn't matter to anybody," he said.

"This is evil, but you can't look away because the person who did this is sitting in the courtroom right before you," Hanna said. "Anybody want that man walking around you or your loved ones?"

"Find this man guilty."

CDA Investigator Zachary Long and Victim Advocate Cecilia Jones worked on the case as well. 297th District Judge David Hagerman presided over the trial.