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Man sentenced to 60 years in prison for murder of Fort Worth police officer

(Fort Worth, TX) – Samuel Mayfield, 37, pled guilty Tuesday afternoon to the September 2018 murder of Fort Worth police officer Garrett Hull. 396th District Judge George Gallagher sentenced Mayfield to 60 years in prison, as part of the plea.

Hull's widow, Sabrina, sat in the courtroom, surrounded by nearly two dozen friends, family and Fort Worth police officers. When Mayfield pled guilty, and was given his sentence, she closed her eyes and nodded.

She and family members supported the plea.

"With this plea, the family of Officer Garrett Hull can move on knowing they don't have to relive Garrett's death," said Tim Rodgers, the Assistant Criminal District Attorney who handled this case along with ACDA Lloyd Whelchel. "Justice in horrible cases takes many forms and many factors are taken into consideration in deciding what an appropriate plea is.

"In light of Samuel Mayfield's role in the offenses, and knowing Mayfield will almost certainly never see freedom again without our having to put the Hull family through another jury trial that details how they lost their son, husband and father, this is justice."

Hull was killed September 14, 2018, during a confrontation with a group of armed robbery suspects who had been targeting Hispanic-run bars.

Police had staked out the area where a robbery was planned at the Los Vaqueros bar. After robbing customers inside, three men – Mayfield, Timothy Huff and Dacion Steptoe – came out, saw police, and ran in different directions. Hull was among the officers who chased Steptoe.

Steptoe fired at the officers. They fired back at him. Hull was shot in the head and rushed to the hospital, where he was later pronounced dead. Steptoe was shot and killed.

The other two suspects – Mayfield and Huff – were caught and charged with Hull's murder. Texas law allows a person to be criminally responsible for the actions of someone else when there was a conspiracy to commit one crime and another felony occurs.

Huff, who was found guilty in Hull's murder last year, was sentenced to life in prison without parole.

CDA Investigator Joe Carrizal worked on the case, as did Victim Assistance Coordinator Cecilia Jones.