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JURY CONVICTS SEASIDE MAN OF 1995 COLD-CASE MURDER OF 22-YEAR-OLD FATHER

People v. Anthony Martezz Randall, Case No. 21CR002989

SALINAS, California- Monterey County District Attorney Jeannine M. Pacioni announced today that a jury convicted Anthony Martezz Randall, age 50 of Seaside, of first-degree murder for the 1995 cold-case homicide of Lloyd Joseph Perkins, Jr.

On September 21, 1995, 22-year-old Perkins, known as "LJ," was found shot to death on Amador Avenue. Perkins had a child with a woman that Randall used to date and who had recently ended her relationship with Randall. One week before the murder, Randall forcibly entered the woman's house, beat her, and tried to rob Perkins at gunpoint. Evidence presented at trial showed that on the night of the murder, Randall argued on the phone with the woman, traveled to the apartment where Perkins and the woman were visiting friends, disabled the vehicle they had driven there, and waited in the darkness before ambushing, killing, and robbing Perkins.

In 2021, the Seaside Police Department re-opened the investigation into Perkins' murder. The renewed investigation yielded new witnesses who provided additional information implicating Randall in the crime. Three witnesses testified at trial that they heard Randall admit to the murder.

After a 10-day jury trial, Randall was convicted of first-degree murder. The jury also found true an enhancement that he personally used a firearm in the commission of the crime. In a bifurcated proceeding, the Honorable Rafael Vazquez also found true that Randall had a prior serious and violent felony conviction for assault with a firearm from 1990, within the meaning of the Three Strikes Law.

Randall will be sentenced on June 21. He faces a maximum sentence of 50 years to life in prison plus 15 years.

The case was investigated by Seaside Police Detectives Joshua Parker and Gabriel Suarez, Seaside Police Corporal Matthew Doza, and District Attorney Investigators Rachel Maldonado, Peter Austen, and Alicia Cox. Seaside Police Department Interim Chief Nicholas Borges also provided substantial support and resources.

This was the first case filed and prosecuted by the Monterey County District Attorney's Office Cold Case Task Force, which was established in 2020 to investigate, solve and prosecute cold-case homicides in Monterey County. Seaside Police Department has worked extensively with the Task Force to re-examine unsolved cases. Multiple other agencies within the county are also partnering with the Task Force on unsolved homicide cases.

For more information, please visit:

<https://www.co.monterey.ca.us/government/departments-a-h/district-attorney/cold-case-task-force>.