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Berkeley County man pleads guilty in 2001 killing of man found buried in Moncks Corner front yard in 2007

Moncks Corner, S.C. – Treze Feaster was scheduled to stand trial in a Berkeley County Circuit Court for his role in the 2001 shooting death of Parrish Reeves, formerly of Cordesville; however, prior to jury selection the defendant entered a plea of guilty to the charges of Voluntary Manslaughter and Burglary Second Degree. For the Voluntary Manslaughter charge the defendant was sentenced to 30 years in prison, which was suspended to the service of 20 years. Feaster received a concurrent 15 year sentence for the charge of Burglary Second Degree.

On January 17, 2001, the victim, Parrish Reeves, was first reported as a missing person. The case remained unsolved and classified as a “cold case” until 2007 when new information was discovered which lead investigators to the defendant, Treze Feaster, and three other co-defendants: Katherine Feaster, Jeffrey Michaelson, and Jeremiah Scharer. On August 8, 2007, investigators from the Berkeley County Sheriff’s Office and State Law Enforcement Division were led to Michaelson’s former residence at 312-A Starbright Lane in Moncks Corner, where a 55 gallon barrel containing the victim’s remains was found buried in the front yard of the residence.

During the guilty plea yesterday, Feaster acknowledged he was aware of Michaelson’s intent to shoot the victim when he drove Michaelson to the victim’s home prior to the shooting.

He also returned to the scene after the victim was shot by Michaelson, and assisted him in attempting to cover up the crime by taking victim's truck and work trailer. Feaster also assisted Michaelson in burying the victim's body in Michaelson's front yard. He also admitted going back to victim's home after the shooting and breaking into victim's safe to steal coins, jewelry and other items belonging to victim.

One co-defendant, Jeffrey Michaelson, was found guilty of Murder on July 8, 2010, by a Berkeley County jury following a 2 week trial. During that trial, evidence revealed the victim was lured out of his Cordesville home by Michaelson, who claimed they needed assistance with their vehicle that was stuck down the road. The victim agreed to give them a ride to their vehicle, and while they were driving away from his home, the victim was shot in the head by Michaelson. Michaelson gave a statement to police admitting to disposing of the murder weapon, the victim's truck, the victim's work trailer, and also selling a portion of the victim's coin collection after the murder. Michaelson also admitted he had rented the backhoe used to bury the barrel containing the victim's body in his front yard.

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