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**West Sacramento Man Sentenced to Life in Prison for Murder**

**(Woodland, CA)** – January 17, 2012 - District Attorney Jeff Reisig announced that on January 13, 2012, Yolo County Superior Court Judge Stephen Mock sentenced 31-year-old Christopher Allen Smith of West Sacramento to 45 years to life in state prison for murdering Gidd Gomel Robinson IV on November 3, 2009.

Shortly after noon on November 3, 2009, Smith was driving with his seven-year-old son in his pick-up truck after leaving his father's house in West Sacramento. Smith encountered Robinson who was walking his children to school. Smith is Caucasian and Robinson is African American. After Robinson gave Smith a "hard stare" and Smith "flipped him off," Smith drove his truck around the corner and loaded his gun. Robinson approached the truck and at that point, Smith fired one fatal shot at Robinson.

Smith immediately drove to the Elkhorn boat ramp and tossed the gun in the river and rubbed mud on his hands to conceal any gunshot residue. He was arrested on Old River Road as he was leaving the boat ramp. Detectives seized a computer from Smith's home which was later forensically analyzed by the District Attorney's Computer Forensics Unit. That analysis revealed that Smith habitually visited numerous racist websites containing inflammatory pictures and articles about African Americans.

Robinson's fiancé Jennifer Richardson gave an impassioned victim impact statement during the sentencing hearing. "This horrific tragedy has made me become so much stronger than I could've ever imagined," said Richardson. "Mr. Smith stole the life of my fiancé, my best friend, the daddy to my babies. Over these past 2 years I've had to learn how to become the single mother that I never thought I would be."

Chief Deputy District Attorney, Jonathan Raven, prosecuted the case. He praised the dedicated efforts of West Sacramento Police Department, the DA's Computer Forensics Division, and the DA's Victim Services Division who worked with the family of Gidd Robinson. He also thanked the jury who spent three days deliberating on the case. "The jury was thoughtful and worked hard to bring about a just verdict," said Raven. "I know that Gidd's family feels that justice was served."

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