

**AMENDED SENTENCING ORDER**

**JURY TRIAL**

**VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF FAIRFAX COUNTY**

FEDERAL INFORMATION PROCESSING  
STANDARDS CODE: 059

Hearing Date: **January 21, 2016**

Judge: **RANDY I. BELLOWS**

**COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**

versus

**CHARLES STANARD SEVERANCE**, Defendant

This case came before the Court for a hearing on the Defendant's pending motions and for sentencing of the Defendant, who appeared in person with his Attorneys, Joseph King, Megan Thomas, and Christopher Leibig. The Commonwealth was represented by Bryan Porter, David Lord, Marc Birnbaum and James Entas. The Defendant appeared while in custody.

The Defendant, in person, moved the Court to remove his attorneys, which motion the Court, after hearing argument, **denied**.

The Defendant, in person, moved the Court to continue this case, which motion the Court, after hearing argument, **denied**, for the reasons stated on the record.

Counsel for the Defendant moved the Court to appoint new counsel to represent the Defendant for appeal, which motion the Court **granted**. The Court **ORDERED** that James Hundley, Attorney at Law, be appointed to represent the Defendant in any appeal of this case. Mr. Hundley was present in the courtroom and accepted the appointment. The Court advised the Defendant of his right to appeal in this case. It was further **ORDERED** by the Court that in the event the Defendant or his Counsel files a notice of appeal, the transcript is to be prepared and made a part of the record in this case.

The Court, after hearing argument, **granted** Counsel for the Defendant's motion for additional funding for experts and investigators, in the specific amounts stated in the final funding request.

The Court, after hearing argument, **denied** the Defendant's motion to preclude sentencing for both the capital murder of Ruthanne Lodato and the capital murder of Ronald Kirby pursuant to the double jeopardy clause of the Fifth Amendment, for the reasons stated on the record.

On November 2, 2015, the Defendant was found guilty of the following offenses:

CASE NUMBER	OFFENSE DESCRIPTION AND INDICATOR (F/M)	OFFENSE DATE	VA. CODE SECTION
FE-2015-430 VCC: MUR0961F1	CAPITAL MURDER (COUNT 1) (F)	02/06/2014	18.2-31(8), 19.2-221
VCC: ASL1323F9	USE OF A FIREARM IN THE COMMISSION OF MURDER (COUNT 2) (F)	02/06/2014	18.2-53.1
VCC: ASL1334F3	MALICIOUS WOUNDING (COUNT 3) (F)	02/06/2014	18.2-51
VCC: ASL1323F9	USE OF A FIREARM IN THE COMMISSION OF MALICIOUS WOUNDING (COUNT 4) (F)	02/06/2014	18.2-53.1
VCC: MUR0961F1	CAPITAL MURDER (COUNT 5) (F)	11/11/2013	18.2-31(8), 19.2-221
VCC: ASL1323F9	USE OF A FIREARM IN THE COMMISSION OF MURDER (COUNT 6) (F)	11/11/2013	18.2-53.1
VCC: MUR0925F2	FIRST DEGREE MURDER (COUNT 7) (F)	12/05/2003	18.2-32, 19.2-221
VCC: ASL1319F9	USE OF A FIREARM IN THE COMMISSION OF MURDER (COUNT 8) (F)	12/05/2003	18.2-53.1
VCC: WPN5297F6	POSSESSION OF A FIREARM BY A FELON (COUNT 9) (F)	02/06/2014	18.2-308.2
VCC: WPN5297F6	POSSESSION OF A FIREARM BY A FELON (COUNT 10) (F)	11/11/2013	18.2-308.2

The pre-sentence report was considered and is ordered filed as a part of the record in this case in accordance with the provisions of Code § 19.2-299.

The Court **ORDERED** that the written victim impact statements submitted in this case be placed **UNDER SEAL**.

There are no sentencing guidelines to consider in this case.

The Court heard argument of the Commonwealth's Attorney and of Counsel for the Defendant regarding sentencing.

Before pronouncing the sentence, the Court inquired if the Defendant desired to make a statement, which the Defendant did, and if the Defendant desired to advance any reason why judgment should not be pronounced, and no such reason was advanced.

The Court **SENTENCED** the Defendant to:

**INCARCERATION.** Incarceration with the Virginia Department of Corrections for the term of:

- Count 1: life
- Count 2: three (3) years
- Count 3: twenty (20) years
- Count 4: five (5) years
- Count 5: life
- Count 6: five (5) years
- Count 7: life
- Count 8: five (5) years
- Count 9: five (5) years
- Count 10: five (5) years

The sentences are to run consecutively.

The total sentence imposed is **life on Count 1, three (3) years on Count 2, twenty (20) years on Count 3, five (5) years on Count 4, life on Count 5, five (5) years on Count 6, life on Count 7, five (5) years on Count 8, five (5) years on Count 9, and five (5) years on Count 10. The sentences are consecutive.**

**FINES.** The Court **ORDERED** that the Defendant pay fines in the amount of:

- Count 1: \$100,000.00
- Count 3: \$100,000.00
- Count 5: \$100,000.00
- Count 7: \$100,000.00

**COSTS.** The Defendant shall pay all costs of this case. The Clerk of the Court shall docket the court costs as a judgment against the Defendant.

**CREDIT FOR TIME SERVED.** The Defendant shall be given credit for time spent in confinement while awaiting trial pursuant to § 53.1-187 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended.

The Court certifies that at all times during trial and proceedings in this case, the Defendant was personally present and his attorneys were likewise personally present and capably represented the Defendant.

The Defendant was remanded to the custody of the Sheriff.

Entered on February 1, 2016.



JUDGE RANDY I. BELLOWS

**DEFENDANT IDENTIFICATION:**

**Alias:** NONE

**SSN:** [REDACTED]

**DOB:** [REDACTED]

**SEX:** M

**SENTENCING SUMMARY:**

**TOTAL SENTENCE IMPOSED:** life on Count 1, three (3) years on Count 2, twenty (20) years on Count 3, five (5) years on Count 4, life on Count 5, five (5) years on Count 6, life on Count 7, five (5) years on Count 8, five (5) years on Count 9, and five (5) years on Count 10. The sentences are consecutive.

**TOTAL SENTENCE SUSPENDED:** NONE

**TOTAL TIME TO SERVE:** life on Count 1, three (3) years on Count 2, twenty (20) years on Count 3, five (5) years on Count 4, life on Count 5, five (5) years on Count 6, life on Count 7, five (5) years on Count 8, five (5) years on Count 9, and five (5) years on Count 10. The sentences are consecutive.

**ABSTRACT OF CONVICTION**

**ADDRESS:** 202 Oakland Street, Cumberland, MD 21502

**SSN/OL#:** [REDACTED] / unknown

**STATE of OPERATOR'S LICENSE:** unknown

**OL SURRENDERED:** no

**SEX:** male

**DOB:** [REDACTED]

**CHARGE 1:**

**STATUTE:** § 18.2-31(8), 19.2-221

**VIOLATION:** State

**DOO:** 02/06/2014

**OTN:** 510CF1400027001

**VCC:** MUR-0961-F1

**CHARGE 2:**

STATUTE: § 18.2-53.1  
VIOLATION: State  
OTN: 510CF1400027002

DOO: 02/06/2014  
VCC: ASL-1323-F9

**CHARGE 3:**

STATUTE: § 18.2-51  
VIOLATION: State  
OTN: 510CF1400027003

DOO: 02/06/2014  
VCC: ASL-1334-F3

**CHARGE 4:**

STATUTE: § 18.2-53.1  
VIOLATION: State  
OTN: 510CF1400027004

DOO: 02/06/2014  
VCC: ASL-1323-F9

**CHARGE 5:**

STATUTE: § 18.2-31(8); 19.2-221  
VIOLATION: State  
OTN: 510CF1400027005

DOO: 11/11/2013  
VCC: MUR-0961-F1

**CHARGE 6:**

STATUTE: § 18.2-53.1  
VIOLATION: State  
OTN: 510CF1400027006

DOO: 11/11/2013  
VCC: ASL-1323-F9

**CHARGE 7:**

STATUTE: § 18.2-32; 19.2-221  
VIOLATION: State  
OTN: 510CF1400027007

DOO: 12/05/2003  
VCC: MUR-0925-F2

**CHARGE 8:**

STATUTE: § 18.2-53.1  
VIOLATION: State  
OTN: 510CF1400027008

DOO: 12/05/2003  
VCC: ASL-1319-F9

**CHARGE 9:**

STATUTE: § 18.2-308.2  
VIOLATION: State  
OTN: 510CF1400027009

DOO: 02/06/2014  
VCC: WPN-5297-F6

**CHARGE 10:**

STATUTE: § 18.2-308.2  
VIOLATION: State  
OTN: 510CF1400027010

DOO: 11/11/2013  
VCC: WPN-5297-F6