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Eulless man sentenced to death for murdering ex-girlfriend and her daughter

(Fort Worth, TX) – A Tarrant County jury on Wednesday sentenced Paige Terrell Lawyer to death for the 2018 murders of his former girlfriend and her daughter, O'Tishae Womack, 30, and Ka'Myria Womack, 10.

Tarrant County Assistant District Attorneys Lloyd Whelchel and Dale Smith detailed for the jury what happened in Lawyer's case.

On April 5, 2018, O'Tishae Womack and her sister, Lashundra, went for a walk and saw Lawyer several times. Lawyer and O'Tishae had been in a relationship marked by domestic violence, where Lawyer had strangled and choked O'Tishae many times.

The next day, O'Tishae didn't show up for her morning walk with her sister – and she didn't answer phone calls, texts, or knocks on the door at her home. Eventually Lashundra got a key to her sister's east Fort Worth apartment and went inside.

There she found the bodies of O'Tishae and Ka'Myria. Both had been strangled.

"He brutally, with no justification, took the lives of two people," Whelchel told the jury. "He is not going to change. ... He is going to be a future danger. And you know that."

O'Tishae's body was on the kitchen floor, with blood seeping out of her face and a grocery bag over her head. The body of Ka'Myria, a fourth-grader, was upstairs in a bedroom, covered with a blanket. Lawyer's DNA was found on the knot in the bag around O'Tishae's head, under O'Tishae's fingernails, on Ka'Myria's shorts, inside Ka'Myria's underwear, on a bleach bucket, and on a Lysol can. His fingerprint, in Ka'Myria's blood, was found on a mop.

"Two lives were extinguished that day," Smith said. "Both died as a result of strangulation, the defendant's calling card."

Lawyer was arrested later near Nashville, Tennessee, where he gave a confession to his uncle.

Prosecutors suggested the mother and daughter were killed to keep O'Tishae from testifying in an upcoming domestic violence trial against Lawyer. During punishment, the jury learned that Ka'Myria had been viciously raped.

"Your horrendous act has devastated our family," Lashundra said after the sentence was read. "You took a huge chunk of our hearts. ... You forever will be known as a murderer, a rapist, and a coward." DA Investigator Caleb Blank worked on the case. Thanks to the Fort Worth Police Department for their work on this case and their commitment to keeping our community safe.