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REQUEST DENIAL OF PAROLE JACOB GALLANT FROM ALLIANCE FOR SAFE COMMUNITIES....

Jacob Gallant purchased a “butcher knife” with more than a 3 “blade on the morning of March 5,2017. He “wanted to kill someone”, “he didn’t’ know who, just kill someone “he told detectives.

Driving from Westport, he headed to Maryland that morning then back to Rhode Island landing himself at the Rite Aid on Warwick Ave, in the city of Warwick.

In a heinous, brutal, and cowardly act he entered the store heading toward 18-year-old employee Alyssa Garcia and stabbed her 20 times. The knife penetrated Alyssa’s chest as she screamed, fought back and was thrown to the floor.

“I recall wondering if my parents would have to bury their first child”, Garcia stated in an interview with the Warwick Beacon. “There was a pool of blood around me.... I stared down at my intestines that were hanging out of my body. “

Had not two brave bystanders, Connor Devine and Stanley Bastien not intervened she may have lost her life that day.

This was described as “one of the most horrific and senseless acts of violence that this office has prosecuted,” stated former Attorney General Kilmartin.

Indeed, Jacob Gallants lust for violence, and blood was satisfied that morning when he attacked the innocent 18-year-old girl working at her job.

This type of crime is possibly what most in society fear occurring in their communities. The randomness, the element of surprise, the carnage almost inconceivable to imagine became reality.

Magistrate John McBurney could only sentence Gallant a maximum of 45 years with 25 to serve on assault with intent to commit murder, mayhem, and possessing a butcher knife to commit a crime.

Special Assistant Attorney General Chas Calenda prosecuted the case on behalf of the Office of the Attorney General.

The Alliance for Safe Communities concurs with Attorney Calenda's position regarding this criminal. "In Rhode Island there is no law specific to attempted murder", but that does not warrant the lifelong sentence that other states have for attempted murder."

This attack left Alyssa Garcia with lifelong scars and nerve damage. PTSD and Anxiety while not physically noticeable will be her lifelong burden.

Attorney Calenda called it "a life altering" attack and had made a passionate case for criminal justice reform in Rhode Island, saying that a man like Gallant should never see the outside of the ACI again, but likely will be allowed to walk free because of state laws.

What the Alliance for Safe Communities is certain of regarding Gallant is that he has only served 8 years of his 25-year sentence.

God forbid Gallant is given the opportunity to satisfy his spontaneous urge for lust, blood, and carnage ever again.

It is in our opinion, that the brutality and heinousness of Gallant's crimes warrants a decision of denial for parole currently.

Respectfully, Carolyn Medeiros Executive Director Alliance for Safe Communities

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