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## Woman Sentenced to Life in Prison for Death of Fort Worth Police Officer

**Fort Worth, TX** – De Aujalae Evans, 26, pled guilty to intoxication manslaughter in the death of Fort Worth Police Sgt. Billy Randolph. On Monday, a Tarrant County jury sentenced her to life in prison. Tarrant County Assistant District Attorneys Lloyd Whelchel and Brittane Hamilton prosecuted the case. "There have to be consequences to actions or nothing we do up here matters," Whelchel told the jury in closing arguments.

Sgt. Billy Randolph "died the way he lived – serving you," he said. "Give justice to the life he lived by sentencing her to life."

On August 12, 2024, Sgt. Billy Randolph – a 29-year police veteran – was assisting with an early-morning crash investigation on Interstate 35W in south Fort Worth.

During the investigation, a vehicle traveling the wrong way on an interstate exit ramp struck the 56-year-old sergeant. The driver, identified as Evans, continued driving about a quarter-mile before stopping.

"She drove her car 100 yards past where Sgt. Billy Randolph lay bleeding out," Hamilton told jurors.

Evans then got out of the vehicle and started running away. Officers quickly apprehended her. They reported smelling alcohol on her breath and observing slurred speech, unsteady balance, and watery eyes. Evans told police she probably took more than 10 shots of tequila before the crash.

Her blood alcohol concentration measured 0.12% several hours later – well above the legal limit of 0.08%. A toxicologist testified that her BAC was likely significantly higher at the time of the crash.

Officers didn't wait for an ambulance. They placed Sgt. Randolph in a patrol car and rushed him to the hospital while an officer performed CPR. He later died from blunt-force head trauma.

Hamilton described Sgt. Billy Randolph as "a husband, a father, a son, a GPop, a brother, a protector, and a mentor," urging jurors to impose a sentence ensuring Evans "cannot outrun accountability."

District Attorney Phil Sorrells commended the Fort Worth Police Department for its dedication in pursuing justice for Sgt. Randolph.

"Sgt. Randolph's death is a heartbreaking reminder of the dangers law enforcement officers face every day," Sorrells said. "Our office is proud to have helped secure justice for him and his family."

Sorrells also recognized the efforts of the prosecutors, along with DA Investigator Lester Couch and Victim Coordinators Carma Anderson and Christi Garcia, for their work on this case.