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Fort Worth Man Sentenced to Prison for Assaulting, Drugging Woman

Fort Worth, TX – Kaleb Mickens, 34, pled guilty to first degree Aggravated Assault Family Violence and was sentenced to 40 years for the brutal assault and drugging of Sheila Cuevas that led to her death on October 8, 2023.

He was also sentenced to 20 years on a probation revocation for an Aggravated Assault causing Serious Bodily Injury and 15 years for Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon in Dallas County. Each of these offenses were perpetrated against different women with whom he had relationships.

Assistant District Attorneys Allenna Bangs and Peter Giesecking prosecuted this case.

In a full court room Monday, several women delivered impact statements that included details of torment, torture, manipulation, and sexual assault. Each shared their message of survival and personal devastation that Ms. Cuevas did not survive. The family of Ms. Cuevas, including her brother, addressed the Defendant, stating, "there can be no justice that brings Sheila back, but there can be outcomes, and there can be accountability and you deserve this."

Mickens, who went by the nickname "Cash Cartier" was a prominent figure in the MLM, IM Academy where he lured young people into joining his training team with the promise of making thousands of dollars. He used his perceived wealth and status to manipulate men and women with threats and promises while hiding his very violent private persona.

On October 8, 2023, he called 911 to report Ms. Cuevas had been attacked by his dog, "Soldier" and was no longer breathing. The dog was taken and euthanized by animal control but later determined by animal control to have nothing to do with Ms. Cuevas' injuries and death.

Thank you to Detective Tracy Dixon and the Arlington Police Department as well as the many prior victims from across the country who came forward to finally bring Kaleb Mickens to justice.

DA Investigator Timothy Pinckney and Victim Advocate Carma Anderson also worked on this case.