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### [Man Sentenced to Fifteen Years for Fatal 1990 Road Rage Shooting](#)

A Silver Spring man was sentenced last week for his role in the 1990 road rage altercation that left a twenty-one-year-old man dead. Forty-two-year-old John Holmes is said to have been impassive at the "emotional" sentencing, after relatives of the slain man testified about the "cold-blooded" killing.

The incident occurred the night of July 13th, 1990. Twenty-one-year-old Ronald Jones Jr. and three friends were in the victim's vehicle on Massachusetts Avenue NW when the altercation erupted. Court records state that sometime during the incident, Holmes drew a .357 magnum, shooting Jones four times. The victim's sister, LaQuisha Jones-Campbell, testified about her brother's promising future- that he had been accepted into Howard University's law program and planned to try out for the Dallas Cowboys- at the time of his murder:

"I remember the phone call that night. The phone call that caused my mother's knees to buckle and sent her crying on the kitchen floor," she said. "I remember four friends out having a good time, not knowing they would cross the path of a cold-blood murderer."

Jones's mother Deedra also spoke of the impact of her son's death on the family: "We did everything right in raising our children. He was a good son with a future," she said. "It is unbelievable that someone would pull out a gun over something so silly. My family will never be the same."

The case lay dormant for nearly 20 years before a friend of Holmes who had witnessed the crime finally came forward in 2008. Holmes was charged with second-degree murder, and was found guilty during a trial this past July. DC Superior Court Judge Michael Rankin sentenced Holmes on October 29th to 15 years to life in prison on the second-degree murder charge.

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