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Aaron Hernandez: Murder of Odin Lloyd

A former New England Patriots luminary, Aaron Hernandez was accused of the murder of Odin Lloyd, a defensive player for the Boston Bandits. Lloyd's corpse was discovered in an industrial park close to Hernandez's home in North Attleboro. Lloyd was courting the sister of Shayanna Jenkins, the fiancée of Aaron Hernandez (Bort, 2017). There was a video clip that showed Lloyd with Hernandez at the night of the incident. Investigators searched Hernandez's house twice and charged him with the murder of Odin Lloyd. A grand jury charged Aaron Hernandez with the killing of Odin Lloyd.

What was the Circumstantial Evidence and was it Sufficient?

On the 17th of June, 2013, reports and camera surveillance indicated that, in the night, Hernandez entered into a leased Nissan Altima with Odin Lloyd and two other males (Carlos Ortiz and Ernest Wallace) before driving into the night a short while after 3:23 in the morning. RollingStone magazine shows that Lloyd died after receiving multiple gunshots seconds after alighting from the Nissan Altima at an industrial park in North Attleboro, Massachusetts (Borges & Solotarrof, 2012). When the writers of the RollingStone article explain the story, they only mention the individual that finally shot Lloyd as the killer, proposing that the one who essentially murdered Lloyd is unspecified to police. However, the prosecution was determined to establish the gunman. The video clip showed Hernandez possessing a gun, and the prosecution worked hard to prove to the panel that the same gun was used to kill Lloyd and that it was Hernandez that pulled the trigger (Fox News, 2017). The other two men that were at the park on the night of the incident altered their story as time passed by, leading the court to dismiss their testimonies

citing unreliability. As a result of that, it was recommended that this circumstantial evidence is applied to guide the jury in the path of a guilty ruling.

My standpoint. I agree that the jury made the right ruling in Hernandez's case. The New England Patriots star took the life of Odin Lloyd, and the prosecution had proof for it. The prosecution had the evidence to reveal that Hernandez was guilty and obtained a judgment. Moreover, Aaron Hernandez was sentenced by a jury that consisted of most of his colleagues.

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