

## State v. Clifford Meyers

On June 13, 2005, thirty-five year old Clifford Meyers, who had over a dozen prior felony convictions and who had recently been released from prison, shot and killed 21 year old Elijah Bishop in a mall parking lot on the north side of Spokane. Mr. Bishop's life was taken by Clifford Meyers over a dispute involving a leather jacket and CDs. Mr. Meyers was charged with First Degree Murder and First Degree Unlawful Possession of a Firearm. On October 21, 2006, following testimony that lasted over three weeks, the jury returned a verdict of guilty on both counts.

At sentencing the State asked the Court to require the defendant to serve consecutive prison time on the Murder and Unlawful Possession of a Firearm. The Court refused to run the time consecutive but agreed with the State that his prior conviction history justified a sentence at the high end of the standard range and accordingly sentenced Clifford Meyers to 608 months (over 50 years) in prison.