



COUNTY OF FRESNO

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BRIAN COOKS CONVICTED OF MANSLAUGHTER FOR HIS ROLE IN CAUSING THE DEATH OF 9 YEAR OLD JANESSA RAMIREZ

Brian Lorisse Cooks was convicted today of manslaughter for his role in causing the death of 9 year-old Janessa Ramirez in January 2015, the Fresno County District Attorney's Office has announced.

At a pre-trial hearing this morning, Brian Cooks (25, of Fresno) pleaded "no contest" to charges of Voluntary Manslaughter [P.C. § 192(a)], Participation in a Criminal Street Gang [P.C. § 186.22(b)(1)], and Possession of a Firearm by a Felon (P.C. § 29800(a)(1)).

Under the terms of the plea agreement, Mr. Cooks will be sentenced to serve twenty-one (21) years in the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. He is scheduled to be sentenced on March 5, 2018, in Department 62 of the Fresno County Superior Court at 9:00 a.m.

Mr. Cooks is currently in custody at the Fresno County Jail, and will remain there pending his sentencing.

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