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SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH — On Wednesday Oct. 3, 2012, Curtis Allgier pleaded guilty to Aggravated Murder for the 2007 killing of Utah Corrections Officer Stephen Anderson at the University of Utah Orthopedic Center. For this charge, he will be sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole. Allgier also pleaded no contest to three counts of Attempted Aggravated Murder and guilty one count of Aggravated Robbery, all first degree felonies which carry prison sentences of six years to life in prison. Allgier also pleaded guilty to one count of disarming a Peace Officer, and one count of Aggravated Escape, each a first degree felony and each carrying a prison sentence of five years to life in prison. Additionally, Allgier pleaded guilty to Possession of a Firearm by Restricted Person, a second degree felony punishable by one to 15 years in prison. Allgier will be sentenced on Dec. 5, 2012 at 2 p.m. before the Hon. Paul G. Maughan, Third Judicial District Court Judge.

On June 25, 2007, while trying to escape from Officer Anderson's custody, Allgier shot and killed Officer Anderson at the University of Utah Orthopedic Center. During his escape from custody, Allgier attempted to kill three other persons and committed other serious crimes. He was apprehended shortly after his escape.

The Salt Lake County District Attorney's office has been in contact with the victim's family as the proceedings have progressed over the last several years. Sim Gill, Salt Lake County District Attorney stated: "Taking all interests into account and being sensitive to the victim's family, this resolution is not inconsistent with their needs." The decision to bring this matter to a conclusion was the District Attorney's decision after consultation with various parties involved in the matter.

"I volunteered for this job, the family did not volunteer to be victims and they should not be expected to carry the burden of this decision," Gill said. "In the complexity of competing interests no one has the right to trump the ultimate needs of the victim's family. This has been a long and arduous process for them and for our community and with this plea adjudication Mr. Allgier will spend the rest of his natural life incarcerated without ever having the possibility of parole or freedom.

"This process has been difficult and slow. The weight of this process has been felt by all those who have been touched by this tragedy. The Anderson family has been in the center of this maelstrom. They have endured this with the dignity, courage and grace that is both rare and unique. Their strength is a testament to the closeness of this family and the support they have given to each other. They are an exceptional family."

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