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### CRIME

#### **Man given life term in slaying of 7-year-old girl**

A 43-year-old **man** was sentenced to **life in** prison Wednesday for shooting into a Detroit home and killing a **7-year-old girl** on a couch after a dispute over a video game. Ronald Brown **of** Detroit was convicted June 7 **of** first-degree murder for killing Deva White. The case gained notoriety because **of** its connection to the popular video game "Grand Theft Auto: San Andreas."

Deva's older brother had accused Brown's 16-year-old son, Ronald Jr., **of** stealing his copy **of** the game. The video game was never stolen -- it lay underneath the family's couch. According to police, the then-boyfriend **of** Deva's mother, Arthur Branch, threw bricks at the home where Ronald Brown Jr. lived on Promenade on Nov. 26, shattering windows and injuring the boy's 9-year-old sister, Christ Brown. Branch is charged with assault. The elder Brown learned **of** the incident a few days later and responded by shooting up the home **of** Deva's family on Glenfield.

Wayne County Circuit Judge Timothy Kenny handed down the mandatory **life** sentence. By Ben Schmitt

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