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### Woman sentenced to almost 29 years for role in Iron Range murder

Janessa Lynn Peters today received a 346-month prison sentence after pleading guilty in November to intentional second-degree murder for her role in the slaying of her boyfriend, St. Louis County Attorney Mark Rubin said.

Judge James Florey handed down the sentence in State District Court in Virginia. Peters, 22, of Eveleth, admitted taking part in the April 27, 2014 stabbing death of Harley Joseph Jacka, 28, whose body was found in a Virginia apartment.

Peters is the third of four people to be sentenced for being involved in the murder. She earlier testified that she told another co-defendant, Bartholamy Jake Drift, 42, of Virginia, that she wanted him to kill Jacka. She said she no longer wanted to be in a relationship with the victim.

Drift also pleaded guilty to second-degree murder. His sentencing is scheduled for January 23.

Anthony James Isham, 45, of Nett Lake received a 363-month sentence last month for his role in the crime. John Edward Isham, 40, a cousin of Anthony Isham, earlier pleaded guilty to aiding an offender and obstructing an investigation. He received a 78-month prison sentence.

Assistant St. Louis County Attorneys Jon Holets and Nick Campanario prosecuted the case.

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