



## **Teen faces 40 years in prison in fatal shooting of girl, 13**

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NEW HAVEN — One of the four teenagers charged in connection with the shooting death of 13-year-old Jajuana Cole has pleaded guilty to aiding and abetting murder.

Tremayne Sanders, 16, of 770 Winchester Ave., New Haven, also pleaded guilty to carrying a pistol without a permit. He is scheduled to be sentenced Feb. 9.

According to Assistant State's Attorney Kevin Doyle and Sanders' attorney Walter Bansley III, the agreement is that Sanders will serve no more than 40 years. But Bansley said he must serve a minimum of 35 years.

Cole's death last June, which happened after the group of young males shot into a crowd in a courtyard on Dickerman Street, shocked the city and led to rallies calling for an end to these shootings.

Still in the pre-trial phase are Lamont Swint, Daniel Carter and Torell Boyd.

Doyle said evidence indicates Sanders fired a gun, but did not kill Cole.

Bansley said Sanders pleaded guilty because he and his family didn't want to put Cole's family through a trial, but also because a videotape taken by one of the defendants implicates Sanders.

"The kid is extremely remorseful," Bansley said. "Kids today fire guns and don't understand the consequences until much later."

According to a police affidavit, Jajuana appears to have been an innocent victim of a feud between rivals from the Dixwell and Newhallville neighborhoods.