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WICHITA, KAN. – A woman was sentenced to prison for a shooting at an illegal gambling hall in Wichita that killed a man that worked for her. District Court Judge Bruce Brown sentenced Stacey Peters, 47 of Wichita, to 117 months in prison for the killing of Robert Duvaul on November 19, 2019. Peters pleaded guilty in June of this year to second degree murder and one count of commercial gambling.

Police responded to the business at 3072 S. Hillside in the early morning hours after Peters called 911 to report that she shot “someone intruding.” Officers found Duvaul, 41, with a fatal gunshot wound to his torso. Officers noted that Duvaul had been deceased for some time before Peters made the 911 call.

At an evidentiary hearing in the case prior to the entry of the plea, witnesses testified Peters called a friend after the shooting and said “I shot Bob.” Those witnesses testified that when they arrived, Peters said she had not called the police because she did not know what to tell them.

Investigators searched the premises and found evidence of numerous illegal commercial gambling devices in a back room. Surveillance video recovered from the scene showed Peters operating a commercial gambling establishment. The video showed Peters and Duvaul working at the business earlier in the evening of the shooting. In a portion of the video, Duvaul is seen with his hands up, then staggers backwards and collapses. Witnesses testified Peters was known to carry a pistol on her hip while she worked at the business.

Testimony presented at the hearing indicated Peters and Duvaul had been in an on-again, off-again dating relationship for around five years. As part of the plea agreement, Judge Brown found the homicide was a domestic violence offense.

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