

Slain girl's family fighting parole

■ Man who helped killer bury her got 10 years, but could be out in January

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The family of a Sugar Land girl killed two years ago expects to protest the possible parole early next year of a man convicted of helping the killer bury the teen.

Sean Brown, 20, pleaded guilty in March to tampering with evidence in connection with the July 6, 2006, fatal shooting of Ashton Glover, 16, in a muddy field near Missouri City.

He was sentenced to 10 years in state prison.

The triggerman in the slaying, Matt McCombs, told police he shot Glover "out of morbid curiosity."

According to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice,



GLOVER



BROWN

Brown will be eligible for parole on Jan. 24.

The state Board of Pardons and Paroles will review Brown's case, including the crime, the time served and his behavior as a prisoner, as well as opposition to his release, said Jason Clark, a TDCJ spokesman.

Glover's mother, Carolyn Smith, said she is stunned that Brown could be released.

"I will protest against his possible parole until I have no breath in my body," Smith said.

Fort Bend County District Attorney John Healey said he would recommend against Brown's parole.

"We will protest to the board that Sean Brown not be given

parole but that he serve as much of his sentence as lawfully possible," Healey said.

Brown had been charged with murder in Glover's death, but prosecutors said they did not have enough evidence to prove it.

Assistant District Attorney Fred Felcman said the evidence-tampering charge stemmed from an effort by Brown and Glover's confessed killer, McCombs, to hide the girl's body and to try to burn it.

Both suspects fled after the slaying and were captured trying to enter Canada on July 12, 2006.

McCombs testified during a hearing in December that he killed the girl, who was his classmate at Clements High School, and that Brown had not known that he was going to kill her.

McCombs pleaded guilty to murder in September 2007 and was sentenced to 50 years.

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