**Medicine Hat girl who murdered family no longer has curfew**

**Convicted triple murderer, known only as J.R., now 21-years-old and living in Calgary**

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A woman who was 12 when she helped murder her family in southeastern Alberta is no longer under any curfews.

A Medicine Hat judge has ruled the woman will no longer have to remain home after a certain hour on week nights.

Court heard how she has progressed in her rehabilitation to the point where she is at the lowest risk to reoffend.

The woman, who can't be named under the Youth Criminal Justice Act but is referred to in court as J.R., was convicted along with her then-boyfriend of killing her mother, father and eight-year-old brother in the family's Medicine Hat home in April 2006.

She is now 21 and living on her own in Calgary and has been enrolled in university.

Her 10-year sentence — the maximum for young offenders between 12 and 14 — will have been served as of May 7 of next year. It included four years in a psychiatric institution and 4.5 years under conditional supervision in the community.

The young woman has been described as a "poster child" for rehabilitation at previous reviews and has been considered a low-risk to reoffend.

Court of Queen's Bench Justice Scott Brooker has slowly been removing the restrictions he imposed on her as part of her sentence under the Intensive Rehabilitative Custody and Supervision program.

He lifted her curfew on weekends in 2014, but kept it in place on week nights at a review earlier this year. That's what was lifted on Thursday.

Jeremy Steinke, who was 23 at the time of the killings, is serving a life sentence without the possibility of parole for 25 years.

The Crown argued that Steinke helped kill the parents because they disapproved of the 10-year age gap between him and the girl. A picture was painted at trial of a lovestruck, immature man who believed he had found his true love and would do anything to keep her affection.

It was suggested the crime was loosely based on Steinke's favourite movie "Natural Born Killers," Oliver Stone's twisted love story about a pair of young serial killers who get their start by killing the girl's parents. A friend testified at the trial that while Steinke watched the movie, he said there would be one key difference — in the movie, a young boy is saved, but his girlfriend's brother would have to die.

Steinke admitted in court that he stabbed the mother and the father after he snuck into the family's home, but he argued that he did not plan the killings.

Steinke steadfastly maintained the boy's death came at the hands of the girl.

At trial, police officers and other witnesses became emotional as they recalled seeing the body of the small boy, found on his bed with a deep slash to his throat, his eyes and mouth wide open. Stuffed animals and a toy light sabre spattered with the boy's blood could be seen lying next to his body.

Steinke and the girl were arrested in Leader, Sask., about a 90-minute drive away, the day after the bodies were found.