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Trenton Man Convicted of 2019 Willingboro Murder *Co-defendant is awaiting trial in fatal shooting of 26-year-old woman*

Burlington County Prosecutor LaChia L. Bradshaw announced that a Trenton man was found guilty yesterday of fatally shooting a 26-year-old woman three years ago inside a parked car on Baldwin Lane in the Buckingham Park section of Willingboro Township.

Devon Woods, 28, of the first block of Vine Street, was convicted of Murder (First Degree), Robbery (First Degree), Conspiracy to Commit Robbery (Second Degree), Possession of a Weapon for an Unlawful Purpose (Second Degree), Unlawful Possession of a Weapon (Second Degree) and Certain Persons Not to Have Weapons (Second Degree).

The Superior Court jury returned the verdict after deliberating for approximately 2½ hours inside the Burlington County Courts Facility in Mount Holly. The Hon. Christopher J. Garrenger, J.S.C., scheduled sentencing for January 6, 2023.

Woods was arrested along with Sam Gore of Willingboro and accused of killing Deasia Ayres of Willingboro in the early morning hours of September 18, 2019.

The investigation revealed that Woods fired a handgun into her neck and head as she sat inside her Dodge Durango. The motive was robbery.

Gore, 28, will be scheduled for trial on similar charges. Gore and Woods have been held in the Burlington County Jail in Mount Holly since being arrested a week after the shooting.

They are being prosecuted by Assistant Prosecutor Bob Van Gilst, supervisor of the BCPO Major Crimes Unit – Violent Crimes Section, and Assistant Prosecutor Rachel Conte.

The investigation was conducted by detectives from the Prosecutor's Office and the Willingboro Township Police Department, with assistance from the Burlington County Sheriff's Department, the Mercer County Sheriff's Office and the Trenton Police Department. The lead investigators are BCPO Sgt. Tony Luyber and WTPD Detective Sgt. Jason Galiazzi.

All persons are considered innocent unless and until proven guilty in a court of law.

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