



Genesee County Prosecutor's Office

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Jury Finds Flint Man Guilty in 2008 Fatal Shooting of Store Clerk

Second Defendant Pleads Guilty to All Charges

FLINT – A jury this afternoon has found a Flint man guilty on all charges related to the 2008 fatal shooting of a store clerk at Saba's Mini Mart, 701 W. Stewart Ave.

Genesee County Prosecutor David Leyton said that after the verdict was read, another defendant pleaded guilty to all charges he faced related to the incident and a third man is awaiting a decision from the Court in his bench trial.

A jury found Geoffrey Lavar Lawson, 21, guilty on all five counts he faced related to the September 21, 2008 robbery murder of store clerk Monir Alyatim. Lawson shot and killed Alyatim after climbing onto the store's front counter and reaching over the bulletproof glass with a gun while Alyatim was attempting to hand over money from the store's cash register.

Lawson was found guilty of first degree felony murder, two counts of armed robbery, possession of a firearm by a felon, and one count of felony firearm. He will be sentenced by Circuit Court Judge Richard Yuille on December 27, 2010.

After the jury rendered its verdict against Lawson, a second defendant in the case, Cortez Duane Bailey, 22 of Flint, pleaded guilty to all charges he faced including two counts of armed robbery, possession of a firearm by a felon, and felony firearm. Bailey will be sentenced on January 11, 2011.

A third defendant, Deondra' Terrell Williams, 21 of Flint, is charged with first degree felony murder, two counts of armed robbery, and felony firearm. Williams elected to have a bench trial before Judge Yuille and is awaiting the court's decision.

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