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RANDOLPH MAN SENTENCED FOR ROLE IN ROUTE 3 DRIVEBY SHOOTING OF RELATIVE

PLYMOUTH – A Randolph man has been sentenced for his role in a driveby shooting along Route 3 in Duxbury, Plymouth County District Attorney Timothy J. Cruz announced today.

After a six-day trial, a jury deliberated just over 17 hours before finding Gai Scott (DOB: 06/10/77) guilty on August 18, 2016 of one count of Assault and Battery with a Dangerous Weapon. The jury found Scott not guilty of one count of Armed Assault with Intent to Murder. Today, Plymouth Superior Court Judge Jeffrey Locke sentenced Scott to 2 ½ years in the House of Corrections with 18 months to serve and the balance suspended for three years. As part of the conditions of his sentence, Scott cannot own a firearm, not apply for a firearms license and not reside in a home with firearms. He must also submit a DNA sample to CODIS, the Combined DNA Index System. The Commonwealth had recommended Scott be sentenced to serve 3-5 years in State Prison.

On March 29, 2014, at approximately 11:54 a.m., State Police received several 911 calls reporting a shooting on the southbound side of Route 3 in Duxbury. Upon arrival, State Police observed a red Dodge SUV in the middle of the highway with bullet holes in the vehicle and a reddish brown substance, later determined to be blood, inside the vehicle. There were shell casings and projectiles at the scene.

The investigation revealed that there had been growing family tension between Gai Scott and the shooting victim in the case, a relative. Scott was traveling on Route 3 Southbound in a funeral procession for another family member, heading to a church in Plymouth when the shooting took place. At some point, the vehicles were driving side by side and Scott fired several shots into the red Dodge SUV being driven by his relative. The victim was struck by gunfire, pulled over and exited his vehicle along the highway. The victim was picked up by a passerby and taken to Duxbury Police Department before being transported to a local hospital for treatment of his non-fatal gunshot wounds. Scott was arrested and taken into custody and charged.

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Assistant District Attorneys Amanda Fowle and Kaitlyn O'Leary prosecuted the case, which was investigated by State Police assigned to the District Attorney's Office, Duxbury Police and Plymouth Police.

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